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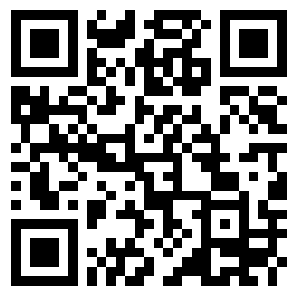

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Lt.-Col. A. Landen, D.S.O. ..	„ 12/27	P.R.I., 1st Bn.	*Gazettes*
Mr. A. E. Potts	„ 12/27	P.R.I., Depôt	*Gazettes*
Major Stephen	„ 12/27	Col. Sapte	*Bound Vols.*
Mr. Jas. Byrne	„ 12/27	Major Stephens ..	*Bound Vols.*
Col. Enderby	„ 12/27		

EXTRACTS FROM *The London Gazette*:—

REGULAR BATTALIONS.

Capt. E. E. Dorman-Smith, M.C., remains secd. whilst a student at the Staff College (dated 21st January).

The undermentioned 2nd-Lieutenants to be Lieutenants (dated 29th January):—F. G. A. Parsons, R. S. Surtees.

TERRITORIAL BATTALIONS.

5th Bn.—J. M. Ogden (late Cadet, Durham School Contgt., Jun. Div., O.T.C.) to be 2nd-Lieutenant (dated 10th January).

7th Bn.—Lieut. J. C. Carr-Ellison, Res. of Officers, to be Capt. (dated 23rd December, 1926).

TERRITORIAL ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

6th Bn.—Capt. F. C. Clayton, M.C., from Active List, to be Captain (dated 15th December, 1926).

NEW YEAR HONOURS.

To be C.B. (Military Division).—Col. A. C. Girdwood, C.M.G., D.S.O., Brigade Commander, 158th (Royal Welch) Infantry Brigade.

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Obituary.

CPL. ALBERT EDWARD McPHIE.

Cpl. Albert Edward McPhie, of "D" Coy., 2nd Bn. The Northumberland Fusiliers, died of pneumonia at the British Military Hospital, Nowshera, on 1st December, 1926, after a few days' illness, aged 24.

CPL. A. E. McPHIE.

McPhie was a very smart young N.C.O., keen on work and games, and his death is a great loss to the Battalion.

He was buried at Nowshera Cemetery on 2nd December, with the usual Military honours.

MR. J. H. CATCHPOLE.

We regret to have to record the death of an old 5th Fusilier, Mr. J. H. Catchpole, who fell dead in the street, from heart failure, on the 16th January.

Mr. Catchpole joined the FIFTH in March, 1871, and served continuously till discharged in 1889 as Colour-Sergeant. He earned and was granted the Good Conduct Medal. Mr. Catchpole has always remained a true lover of his old Regiment, and in recent years became a most active member of the Old Comrades' Association (London Branch), whose meetings and re-union functions he always attended.

The Old Comrades' Association sent a wreath to his funeral, and also supplied the Union Jack which

MR. J. H. CATCHPOLE.

served him for a pall. To his relatives, on behalf of all 5th Fusiliers, we tend our deepest sympathy.

Regimental Notes.

1ST BATTALION NOTES.

BALLYKINLAR,

January, 1927.

A month almost completely devoid of events makes one wonder how the January notes are to be made up. We have, it is true, had our Quarterly Audit Board. Then, again, there have been one or two minor events in the world of sport. A description of these, however, does not appear to fill the bill for the sports events were few and far between, and the Quarterly Audit, though it may loom large in the eyes of those who have to sit on the Board, or larger still in the eyes of those upon whom it devolves to produce accounts for scrutiny, nevertheless concerns only an infinitesimal fraction of our multitude of readers, and even they, or at any rate some of them, would prefer not to be reminded of it.

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And yet, leaving aside the routine of checking payments, receipts, cross-entries, etc., there are one or two features of interest which are not perhaps commonly observed, but which must nevertheless be characteristic of most regimental Quarterly Audits. Who is there, for instance, who has been on a Quarterly

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Audit Board and can have failed to note the marked contrast between, say, the Adjutant's method of producing accounts, and the method of the P.R.I.'s clerk, observing how, whilst the former relies almost entirely on a winning and persuasive manner, virtually throwing himself on the mercy of the Board, the latter, on the other hand, quickly masters the situation (and the Board), and, relying on nothing but hard facts and figures, leads them gently through the intricacies of his numerous sub-accounts, until, with a sigh of relief from the Board, the magic words AUDIT BOARD are stamped on the page and the accounts are signed?

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Then, again, there is the elusive penny or twopence in the balance-sheet. This somewhat hardy perennial made its customary appearance, animated, we must suppose, by sheer malevolence. This quarter it was a penny, and its appearance has provided us with a pretty little arithmetical problem, which we now offer free, gratis, and for nothing to our education big-wigs for use in the school when interest in their own well-worn arithmetic books is waning. Here is the problem:—

An Audit Board, composed of one major and two captains, discovered an error of one penny in a balance-sheet and spent a certain amount of time looking for the error. A major's daily rate of pay is twenty-nine shillings and tenpence, and a captain's twenty-one shillings and elevenpence. The cost to the Government, in pay to the members of the Board for the time they spent searching for the error, was estimated to be eight shillings and sixpence. How many hours, minutes, etc., did the Board spend chasing the penny?

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This little problem, introducing, as it does, the subject of officers' pay, provides the opportunity to drop the subject of Audit Boards and to turn to one of more universal interest as far as officers are concerned—*i.e.*, their pay. Although none of us can have failed to notice the tiny paragraph headed "Cuts in Army Officers' Pay" sandwiched, in the columns of a widely read "daily," between two others relating one to a bicycle accident and the other to a petty theft, we feel that if only for the sake of historical interest, it should be mentioned in these pages that our pay is to be reduced. Once again the abstract mythical, allegorical, spectral, elusive spook, cost-of-living, has been found to be on the wane. Despite a period of industrial unrest, which should, by all the rules of logic, have acted as a very tonic to this pitiable old spook, he is nevertheless apparently sinking fast. His decline is a matter which "touches" us to the quick, so much so that we feel him to be of our own kith and kin, for are not his destiny and ours so closely interwoven that any decline in his enfeebled state reacts first and foremost upon ourselves before all others?

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Turning from padding to sport, there is little to record this month, as it has been more a period of training for events to come, than one of actual happenings.

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In order to allow Companies to have their teams at full strength, the inter-company football leagues did not begin until the middle of the month. Two matches in each of these leagues have so far been played—*i.e.* "X" Coy. *v.* "Y" Coy. (1st and 2nd Leagues), and "W" Coy. *v.* "X" Coy. (1st and 2nd Leagues). So far "X" Coy. head both Leagues, having won all four of these matches,

Early in the month, at about two weeks' notice, we were invited to compete in the Ulster War Memorial Cross-Country Championship, against all the best cross-country teams in the North of Ireland. Teams were to consist of twelve runners, of whom only the first six were to count for places. The short notice did not leave much time for the selection and training of a team, and as some of the best cross-country runners in the Battalion were away on leave, it was decided to hold an inter-company run of teams consisting of six per company, first four to count, in order to discover the best regimental team available. This competition produced quite a fast race, the order of finishing being:—"W" Coy., 1st, 20 points; "Z" Coy., 2nd, 24 pts.; "X" Coy., 3rd, 48 pts.; "Y" Coy., 4th, 58 pts.

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The team selected for the Ulster War Memorial Championship was as follows:—

"W" Coy.—Lce.-Cpl. Belwood, Lce.-Cpl. Haynes, Fus. Skein, Fus. Allaker.
"X" Coy.—Lce.-Cpl. Batty, Fus. Miller, Fus. Townley.
"Y" Coy.—Fus. Arthur, Fus. Webster.
"Z" Coy.—Cpl. Ross, Fus. Latimer, Fus. Warren.

This team finished 7th out of 12 teams, and was the first military

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OFFICERS' AND NORTHERN IRELAND LADIES' TEAMS.

team home. Other military teams competing were the D.L.I. and West Yorkshire Regt. Fus. Latimer was the first Fusilier home and occupied 12th place.

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For the rest, as already mentioned, the month has been one of training for coming events, as far as sport is concerned. There has been no inter-Regimental football. The R.A.S.C., whom we were to have played at home in the first round of the N.I.D. Association Cup, were unable to field a team, and so we get a walk-over. Incidentally we have also yet to play our first at home match in Cup football since arriving at Ballykinlar twelve months ago.

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The Regimental Boxing Team is in training for the N.I.D. Team Championship. This year the Championship is being run on different lines from last year, Units being drawn to fight one another in eliminating competitions, just as in a Football Cup Competition. As luck will have it, we and the Sherwood Foresters, the two most widely separated Units in the Command, are drawn in the first round, and, as usual, we are *not* the home

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side. Our team therefore travels to Londonderry to fight on 14th February, and we take this opportunity of wishing them good luck throughout the competition, and of reminding them that we look to them to retain for us the Cup which we won last year.

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The activities of the brave men of China have made themselves felt in Ballykinlar, and have held back our Indian draft, which should have left on the 26th, for about ten days, owing to the fact that the transport in which they should have proceeded has been taken for moving troops to China.

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Little remains to be recorded except the movements of Officers going on and returning from leave. Capt. Braddell has gone on leave to Switzerland. Judging by the kit he purchased before proceeding, his ideas of winter sports do not coincide with our own. Capt. Lindsay is also on leave. From the various addresses given by him from time to time, it appears that he is flitting from one baronial hall to another. Mr. Holdsworth Hunt, Mr. Whelan and Mr. Clarke are also away. We have heard so little of them that either their leave must be very dull, or it is a case of still waters running deep.

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Col. Herbert has returned without having his full spell of leave, as he had to be back to preside over a board for the "C" Examination for promotion. Capt. Buckley, Mr. Yorke and Mr. Bolster have also come back during the month from leave and courses of various kinds. It is said that the last-named had been away so long on language and other leave, that he had to ask his way up from the station.

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We hope in next month's *Gazette* to have more interesting notes, as there will be any way several events in the sports line to be chronicled. Meanwhile we should like to ask the indulgence of the Editor for this month's contribution, which covers a somewhat featureless period.

R.Q.M.S. AMBURY.

R.Q.M.S. Ambury was discharged on 14th December, 1926, at the end of 23 years' service in the FIFTH. This long period was spent with several Units of the Regiment, and includes service at the Depôt at different times, in the ranks of Lance-Corporal and Corporal, and later as C.S.M. and R.Q.M.S.

Other service was with the 2nd, 3rd and 8th Battalions, and latterly, from February, 1923, to the time of his discharge, in the 1st Battalion as R.Q.M.S.

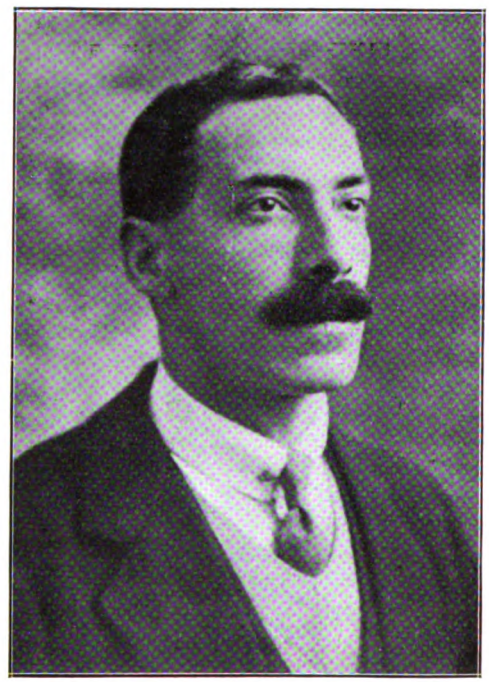
In the earlier stages of his career his promotion was rapid, as he reached the rank of Corporal in 1905, within nineteen months of his enlistment. Again, from the date of his promotion to Sergeant in April, 1913, he, in less than three years, became R.Q.M.S. in February, 1916, which rank he held up to the time of his discharge.

He was wounded whilst serving with the 8th Battalion in Gallipoli, and is in possession of the 1914–15 Star, British War Medal, Victory Medal, and Long Service and Good Conduct Medal.

Gifted with exceptional ability and organising capacity, he was a highly efficient R.Q.M.S., and during his long period of service in the rank he worked with a will for the good of the Regiment.

He was father of a large family of six sons and one daughter. One son, the eldest, is already serving in the 1st Battalion, and we look forward to seeing the remainder as they grow up.

R.Q.M.S. Ambury takes with him our wish that the best of luck may attend him and his family on his return to civil life.



R.Q.M.S. AMBURY.

If his ability and his capacity for hard work prove of the same value to himself as they did to the Regiment, there can be no doubt as to his future prosperity.

SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

January, 1927.

Since our last issue we have more or less settled down to normal routine.

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On the night of the 31st December, 1926, the usual New Year Dance was held in the Tynesiders' Theatre, which turned out very successful.

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The Commanding Officer (Major R. M. St. J. Booth) and Officers attended, and all enjoyed themselves very much.

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Lieut.-Col. W. N. Herbert, C.M.G., D.S.O., was unable to attend, owing to being in England on leave.

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The Saturday night Dances since the commencement of the New Year are running very successful.

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We have started a weekly Whist Drive in the Mess. This takes place on Wednesday evenings, and so far has proved

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very enjoyable. The first was held on the 12th January. The prizes on that occasion went to the following :—

Ladies. 1st, Mrs. Leatham ; 2nd, Mrs. Windram.
Gents. 1st, Sgt. Baker ; 2nd, Mr. Craven.

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The second was held on 19th January, and the prizes were won by :—

Ladies. 1st, Mrs. Danaford ; 2nd, Mrs. Williams.
Gents. 1st, S/S. Brown, R.A.O.C. ; 2nd, L/S. Croft.

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We congratulate Sgt. Dennis on being the father of a son, Reginald James, born at Ballykinlar, 19/1/27.

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We welcome Sgt. Shaw, who joined from 2nd Battalion on 19/1/26.

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We congratulate Sgt. Blaky on being promoted Acting W.O. II.

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Our duck shooting party so far have not filled our larder very full. The duck leader in Dundrum Bay seems to be the better tactician.

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We must congratulate Sgt. Hobbs on winning, for the second year, the Mess Billiard Cup. He again met the same opponent, R.Q.M.S. Ambury, and defeated him by 70.

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Sgt. Hobbs has also won the Mess Shooting Cup and the Cup for best shot in Battalion with the rifle.

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Inspired with these results he has joined the " Duck Shooters," but in that game he has done no better than the others.

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Our St. George's Ball Committee has been formed, and all are full of energy to make it a success.

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Owing to St. George's Day falling on Saturday this year, the Ball will be held on the following Monday—*i.e.* 25th April.

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Sgt.-Dmr. Hebbron has gone for his annual leave—we hear he is applying for " Patent " for his new heating apparatus.

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In our next issue we hope to have more news, and if possible to start our straight-line caricatures.

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We were pleased to see R.S.M. Groves and Sgt. Haddow, who came over on conducting duty with drafts of recruits from the Depôt.

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It is not understood why the former, who is in possession of full faculties, should mistake a horse and cart crossing Dundrum Bay for a small boat.

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To avoid any misapprehension, it is pointed out that this occurred in daylight.

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The Mess huts have now recovered their equilibrium.

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Arrangements have been made that during future visits of this delicate young man, he be kept opposite to another W.O. who is developing on similar lines.

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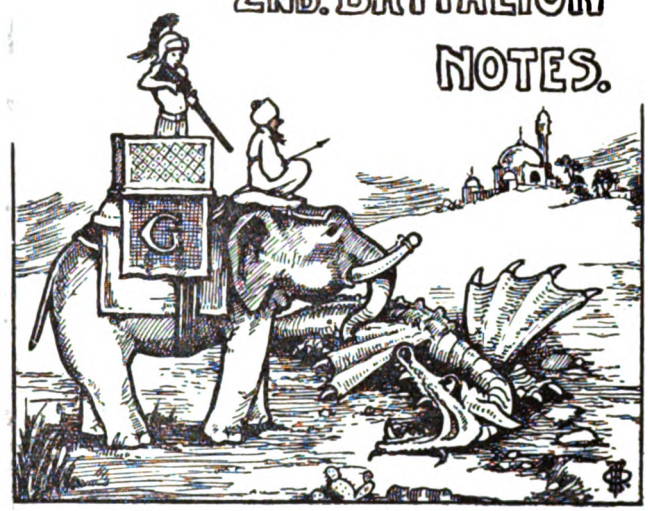
It is hoped then to preserve the balance of the hut, and incidentally do away with the feeling of rockiness reminiscent of stormy seas.

2ND. BATTALION NOTES.



NOWSHERA,
December, 1926.

We have now more or less settled into our new quarters, and we cannot honestly say that Nowshera improves on acquaintance.

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The only Cinema is about a mile and a half away from barracks, and when seen—well, there may be worse cinemas, but if so we have yet to meet them.

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Incidentally the cinema has a contract for the whole station, which precludes starting one of our own.

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The Gunners have been at Akora practice camp for three weeks, which has made Nowshera duller than usual. However, they are now back again, and we may hope for better things.

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Various Company hockey teams have taken on the R.A.F., 5/6th Dragoons, and other teams, and the Regimental hockey team has had several practice games against the Indian Battalions in the station.

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Training still holds pride of place, from the exercise point of view, and we are beginning to get our " hill legs."

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On 3rd December all officers of rank of Captain and upwards attended a Tactical Exercise conducted by the Brigade Commander ; we wandered over the hills from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and had a most interesting, if strenuous day.

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The Vickers Gun Platoon has returned after a week at Akora Vickers Gun Concentration.

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On 14th December, Major Foster, Captain Chipper, Lieuts. Hobbs and Hanmer, with Sergts. Brown and Boon, and Cpls. Chapman and Phillips, went to Dargai for five days' attachment to the Guides for Mountain Warfare practice.

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We are given to understand that our local hills, which look so large, are as nothing compared with the real ones further away.

CORPORALS' CLUB NOTES.

NOWSHERA,

11th December, 1926.

Illness and death are, fortunately, unusual subjects with which to commence our monthly notes. This month, however, we have been saddened by the swift passing of one of our members. We learned, on the evening of the 21st November, that Cpl. McPhie was ill, and although from all accounts the crisis appeared to have been passed, at noon on the 1st December we were shocked by the news of his death.

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The sudden change of climate no doubt accounted for the swift invasion of pneumonia. In Cpl. McPhie we lose a most popular member—one who was invariably ready to join in any

A TACTICAL EXERCISE AT NOWSHERA—(G.A.).

"EXCELSIOR"

Inset:—AS WE WOULD HAVE LIKED IT.

fun that presented—yet one whose quiet, unassuming manner, coupled with unostentatious capacity for any duty allotted to him, rendered him a favourite with everyone with whom he came in contact.

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Cpl. McPhie was buried on the morning of the 2nd December with Military honours. He would wish no finer epitaph than that written by another soldier, who, like him, died far from the England that he loved :—

" ' We are earth's best, that learnt her lesson here.
Life is our cry. We have kept the faith ! ' we said ;
' We shall do down with unreluctant tread,
Rose-crowned, into the darkness.' . . . Proud we were,
And laughed, that had such brave true things to say—
And then you suddenly cried, and turned away."

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By the time that these notes appear in print, Christmas and all its works will be things of the past. At the moment the festive season looms large ahead, although preparations for the training immediately to follow are apt to take pride of place.

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In the Club two factions hold violent sway. The accounts in the papers of Elections in Bengal are innocuous compared with the internal strife. The point at issue is the form to be taken by the Christmas entertainment—shall it be a dance, or shall it be a " social " ?

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Parties are about equally divided. No doubt the winning faction will invite the losing, with or without partners, so either occasion should be the success that all previous efforts have been.

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Old King Coal made a welcome appearance at the beginning of the month. One reads in the Christmas Numbers from Home of the delights of the " Yule-tide log." Quite so. One has to be in Nowshera properly to appreciate the benefits to be derived from that much-abused commodity, coal. *A propos*, it is a well-known fact that the accommodation in Barracks is not up to strength, so to speak. If one fireplace per week, with coal in proportion, could be included in any new estimates that may be flying about, vociferous support is guaranteed by the inhabitants of the " Corner House."

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It must have been difficult for folks at home to realise that we had really moved at last. Now that the fact has had time to sink in, the results are manifest. Papers, for instance. There used to be a sort of dreadful hiatus between *real* mail-day and *forwarded-from-Fyzabad* mail-day. Into this aching void were flung all the newspapers of the last week but three, with all the really interesting pictures—that is to say, the advertisements—ruthlessly torn out. Nowadays you may go into the Club at, say 7 o'clock on a Monday evening, and view a row of sleek heads bent over new papers. At 9.30 of the same evening you will find the dhurrie littered with hair (mostly red) and chewed pencil-stumps. Cross-word compilers have much to answer for.

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Talking of cross-word puzzles, the following extract from " Tristram Shandy " (which was first published between 1759 and 1767) may be of interest to enthusiasts. Certainly it proves that " there is nothing new under the sun " :—

" My father . . . got out his penknife, and was trying experiments upon the sentence, to see if he could not scratch some better sense into it. ' I've got within a single letter, brother Toby,' cried my father, ' of Erasmus, his mystic meaning.' ' You are near enough, brother,' replied my

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Uncle Toby, 'in all conscience.' 'Pshaw!' cried my father, scratching on, 'I might as well be seven miles off. . . . I've done it!' said my father, snapping his fingers. 'See, my dear brother Toby, how I have mended the sense.' 'But you have marred a word,' replied my Uncle Toby. My father put on his spectacles, bit his lip, and tore out the leaf in a passion."

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Those who have not become used to the more strenuous exercise taken in these disrupted parts may be cheered to know that this same Battalion was toiling and moiling in the Hills near Murree so long ago as 1888. This can easily be verified by the disputatious; the point that occurs is "how history doth repeat itself!" for we learn that

"The FIFTH . . . were instructed, both officers and men, in First Aid; they were also initiated into the art of hill warfare, and told to forget all their drill-book knowledge."

Ten years before, our brothers of the 1st Battalion were garrisoning Jamrud Fort—"a rough, stony fort at the entrance of the Pass. There they spent Christmas, and there they found life very monotonous, all the worry and none of the fun."—*Verb sap.*

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We may encounter worries, but we are sure to have plenty of fun. A sufficient supply of the latter will always blow up obstacles erected by the former.

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That's our creed for 1927, anyway.

IRRESPONSIBLE RHYMES—No. 1.

An intrepid shikari, hight Salmois,
Sallied forth for to slay the shy chalmois.
He returned with the skin
Of a goat (very thin),
And insisted 'twas chalmois, yes, dalmois!

BOXING NOTES.

A Novices' Boxing Competition was held on Saturday, 4th December. There were some very good fights, but the number of entries was very poor and very much below our usual standard.

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It is regrettable that boxing in this Battalion has apparently lost its popularity. Men do not come forward to box with that willingness which was such a feature of battalion boxing a year or two ago.

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It is to be hoped that this is only temporary, and that the old keenness to uphold the Regiment's name for boxing will soon revive.

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In addition to the novices' competition, four of the Royal Artillery came over from camp at Akora to fight contests with four of our more experienced boxers. Unfortunately three of these contests were over very quickly. The fourth was a very good fight, and Fus. Phillips won on points after a good hard-hitting fight.

Fus. Phillips was fitter than Driver Richardson, his opponent, and so scored more points in the last two rounds, though Richardson was nearly, if not quite, his equal in the first two. This because Phillips is far too careless about his guard. When he improves his defence he should make a very pretty fighter.

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Lce.-Cpl. Whitelock disposed of Gunner O'Brien, a man of tremendous reach, early in the second round, by a knock-out.

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Gunner Buck was no match for Fus. Catterick, and was knocked out early in the second round. Fus. Catterick, whose style and vigorous action were very good to watch, was the heavier man by nearly a stone. Some of us saw Gunner Buck as a boy fight in a man's class, in Ranikhet two years ago, and so expected of him the plucky fight which he put up.

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Drummer Hayton had a brisk and spirited two rounds with Gunner Allen. Gunner Allen did his best to intimidate Hayton by his ferocious grimaces, but Hayton kept his head, and though very much down on points in the first two rounds stood a very good chance of winning in the end by superior boxing. Unfortunately Allen was disqualified early in the third round, after repeated warnings, for hitting with an open glove.

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We greatly appreciated the sporting spirit which brought the Gunners all the way over from Akora to fight, and we were very glad to see so many of them among the spectators.

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A short description of each fight in the Novices' events weights is given below :—

Welter-Weight (*1st Series*), *Class "A."*

Fus. Skinner, "B" Coy., gave in to Sgt. Larkman, "C" Coy., in the first round.

Feather-Weight (*Semi-Finals*), *Class "B."*

Fus. Ahern, "C" Coy., beat Fus. Caygill, "C" Coy., on points.

Lce.-Cpl. Alves, "A" Coy., beat Fus. Cole, "C" Coy., on points. Fus. Cole put up a very good fight, but lost too many points in the first round.

Welter-Weight (*Semi-Finals*), *Class "A."*

Fus. Wilson, "C" Coy., gave in to Lce.-Cpl. Shotton in the second round. Lce.-Cpl. Shotton showed quite a good style.

Fus. Craggs, "B" Coy., beat Sgt. Larkman, "C" Coy., on points. A well-matched fight.

Light-Weights (*Semi-Finals*), *Class "A."*

Fus. Forest, "A" Coy., beat Fus. Wilkes, H.Q. Wing, on points. A good fight; Wilkes' defence was good, but Forest won on the last round.

Fus. Fraser, "C" Coy., was given the fight against Fus. Fawcett, "C" Coy., who was disqualified in the first round.

Middle-Weight (*Semi-Finals*), *Class "A."*

Fus. Fallows, "C" Coy., gave in to Fus. Overend, "B" Coy., in the second round.

Fus. Cotton, "C" Coy., *v.* Fus. Melles, "B" Coy. Fus. Cotton evidently thought better of it, and failed to turn up for the fight.

Feather-Weight (*Finals*), *Class "B."*

Fus. Ahern *v.* Lce.-Cpl. Alves. Lce.-Cpl. Alves scratched on Medical Certificate.

Light-Weight (*Finals*), *Class "A."*

Fus. Fraser won on points against Fus. Forest. A good, hard-hitting fight, which was a pleasure to watch. Forest boxed well against a rather more experienced boxer.

Middle-Weight (*Finals*), *Class "A."*

Fus. Melles knocked out Fus. Overend in the first round.

Welter-Weight (*Finals*), *Class "A."*

Fus. Craggs defeated Lce.-Cpl. Shotton on points. Quite a good fight; Craggs did most of the attacking.

Boys' Contests.

1. Boy Spencer beat Boy H. Brooks on points, after a very good fight. Spencer used his left well, and both showed considerable promise. Boy Brooks gave away eleven pounds. His defence was very good.

2. Boy Lee (9 st. 8 lbs.) beat Boy Cakebread (9 st. 6 lbs.) on points. This was a good, well-matched fight. Both boxed well, but Lee won on superior boxing.

3. Boy Hardy (7 st. 12 lbs.) beat Boy J. Brooks (8 st. 2 lbs.) on points. A very good fight; both boxed well. Brooks nearly got even in the last round.

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In conclusion, we would like again to deplore the lack of entries, especially in "B" Class, which is for absolute beginners. One must begin sometime. Nobody can become a good boxer without first "mixing it" a few times with other novices, and far from making a fool of himself in public by doing so, he gives pleasure to, and gains the esteem of the spectators.

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The boys all show great promise, and credit is due to Sgt. Earl and Cpl. Alder, who in Fyzabad gave up their time to giving them evening boxing lessons in the Gymnasium. We hope they will keep it up.

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The prizes were presented by Lt.-Col. S. H. Kershaw, D.S.O., who congratulated the competitors on their boxing, but regretted the small number of entries.

CRICKET NOTES.

On Saturday and Sunday, 27th and 28th November, the Indian Army in Nowshera defeated the British Army in Nowshera, after an exciting match. The following Officers of the Battalion represented the British Army :—Major Foster, Lieut. Grimley, Lieut. Tarleton, Lieut. Collingwood and 2nd-Lieut. Foster. Mr. Collingwood distinguished himself by making a spirited 39 in the first innings.

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5TH FUSILIERS *v.* THE GARRISON.

This was played on Sunday, 5th December. We were amused at our conceit in attempting to compete against the rest of the Garrison, after witnessing their capabilities the previous week-end. However, we won. The scores are given below :—

THE GARRISON.

1st innings.		2nd innings.	
Capt. Young, c Foster, b Grinley	11	not out	13
Major Wace, c ——, b Tarleton	2	did not bat	
Major Beck, c ——, b Tarleton	8	c Hobbs, b Smith	3
Capt. Ken, c ——, b Tarleton	4	c Bishop, b Grimley	11
Capt. Rigg, c ——, b Grimley	0	c Collingwood, b Grimley	27
Capt. Farewell, c ——, b Tarleton	2	c and b Collingwood	39
Lt.-Col. Harper, b Grimley	3	c Bishop, b Trower	22
Capt. Lester Garland, b Grimley	0	did not bat	
Major Pemberton, not out	14	not out	0
Capt. Andrews, run out	2	b Trower	36
Mr. Frier, c ——, b Tarleton	7	did not bat	
Extras	0	Extras	2
Total	53	Total	153

FIFTH FUSILIERS.

1st innings.		2nd innings.	
Mr. Collingwood, c ——, b Farwell	12	b Rigg	37
Bdsmn. Trower, c ——, b Farwell	1	c Farwell, b Rigg	28
W.O. Murdoch, c ——, b Farwell	11	b Rigg	14
Lce.-Cpl. Bishop, c ——, b Rigg	3	run out	2
Mr. Foster, b Rigg	6	not out	9
Mr. Tarleton, hit wkt., b Farwell	4		15
Sgt. Parkin, b Rigg	0	c ——, b Chester Garland	1
Mr. Grimley, run out	15	c Wace, b Young	2
Mr. Hobbs, c ——, b Farwell	4	not out	0
Sgt. Bosworth, c ——, b Farwell	14	b Rigg	4
Fus. Smith, not out	15	b Rigg	6
Extras	5	Extras	4
Total	90	Total (9 wkts.)	122

Unfortunately the scorer did not always record the names of those who made catches.

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BOWLING ANALYSIS.

FIFTH FUSILIERS.

1st innings.

	Overs.	Runs.	Wkts.	Average.
Mr. Tarleton	11.4	22	4	5.5
Mr. Grimley	10	27	4	6.75
Sgt. Parkin	1	4	0	—

2nd innings.

Mr. Tarleton	7	49	0	—
Mr. Grimley	8	52	1	52
Mr. Collingwood ..	2	19	1	19
W.O. Murdoch ..	1	17	0	—
Bdsmn. Trower ..	1.3	11	3	3.66
Fus. Smith	1	3	0	—

DEPÔT NOTES.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE,

23rd January, 1927.

We have just said "Hullo!" and "Good-bye" to twenty of our "A" Reservists, whom the fates have called to China. Some of them are grateful to the fates for providing them with a chance of soldiering again, some with wives and children to leave behind are not so pleased at the prospect, but all consider that it is a bit harsh to be sent to a Regiment with men of a different nationality and of a different infantry persuasion, however distinguished they know that Regiment to be.

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Can the leopard change his spots, or the Fusilier become a Rifleman? No! but both Fifth Fusiliers and Cameronians are soldiers, and our representatives in the Cameronians left here with the determination that the Cameronians will find no fault in them as such, however much they may deplore their first attempts at shouldering arms. The 1st Battalion, as the guests of the Cameronians on the Curragh in 1921, realise that they will be made to feel at home. We wish both them and their temporary Regiment good luck.

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At Christmas time we received greeting from the following:—the Officers, the North'd. Hussars, T.A.; the Officers, 10th Field Brigade, R.A.; Lt.-Col. A. McLeod and Officers, 50th Divisional Signals, T.A.; Lt.-Col. W. N. Herbert and Officers, 1st Bn. Fifth Fusiliers; the Corporals, 1st Bn. Fifth Fusiliers; Lt.-Col. H. S. Kershaw and Officers, 2nd Bn. Fifth Fusiliers; Col. C. O. P. Gibson and Officers, 4th Bn. North'd. Fus., T.A.; Lt.-Col. W. Anderson and Officers, 5th Bn. North'd. Fus., T.A.; Lt.-Col. A. D. S. Rogers and Officers, 6th Bn. North'd. Fus., T.A.; Col. Barber and Officers, Depôt, The Lincolnshire Regt.; Major S. H. Green and Officers, Depôt, The West Yorkshire Regt.; Major H. E. Wailes and Officers, Depôt, The East Yorkshire Regt.; Major P. H. Creagh and Officers, Depôt, The Leicestershire Regt.; Major W. C. Cumberbatch and Officers, Depôt, The Green Howards; Major W. T. McGuire Bate and Officers, Depôt, The Duke of W. Regt.; Major G. Darwell and Officers, Depôt, The Border Regt.; Major A. N. Ogilvie and Officers, 38/64th Regimental Depôt; Lt.-Col. S. D. Badham and Officers, 2nd Bn. The Dorset Regt.; the Officers, Depôt, K.O.Y.L.I.; Lt.-Col. Bicknell and Officers, 2nd Bn. The Middlesex Regt.; Capt. Norris and Officers, Depôt, The York and Lancs. Regt.; Lt.-Col. Irvine and Officers, 1st Bn. The Durham Light Infantry; Major R. V. Turner and Officers, Depôt, The Durham Light Infantry; Officers, Depôt, Seaforth Highlanders; Small Arms School, Hythe; the Officers and Officer Cadets, Durham Un. Officers T. Corps; the Lord and the Lady Mayoress of Newcastle-upon-Tyne; the Sheriff of Newcastle-upon-Tyne; Major R. Auld, Welsh Guards; Air-Commander and Mrs. Bonham Carter; Major R. M. St. J. Booth, Fifth Fusiliers; Major A. P. Garnier, Fifth Fusiliers; Lt.-Col. and Mrs. E. B. Gordon; Lt.-Col. and Mrs. A. Landen; Mr. F. C. Pritchett, Fifth Fusiliers; Col. H. R. Sandilands; Capt. H. O. Sutherland, Fifth Fusiliers; Capitaine Henri Troullier, Instructeur a l'Ecole, Speciale Militaire, St. Cyr.

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Two years seems no time at the Depôt, thanks to the steady routine of regular meals and fixed hours for sleeping, and it was with quite a shock that we realised, the other day, that it was time for Mr. Earle to snatch what leave he could before rejoining the 2nd Battalion. He sails on or about 22nd February, with our best wishes.

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We awoke to the remembrance of what leave is, the other day, when Capt. Arkwright, after considerable difficulty, owing to the necessary forms having been stowed away all these years, disappeared. We have not seen him since, and our views on the graveness of such a rash step have been confirmed.

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We were glad to have Colonel Sandilands with us the other day, and are sorry that his stay could not have been longer.

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The date at the top of these notes is the 23rd. These words are being penned (or written) on the 26th. We apologise most profusely, Mr. Editor.

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Roll of Section "A" Reservists mobilised at Newcastle-on-Tyne on 25th and 26th January, 1927, for service in China with the 1st Bn. The Cameronians (Scottish Rifles):—

4257371 Lce.-Cpl. G. Gee.
4257366 Fus. I. Davis.
4257455 Fus. H. Eyre.
4256692 Fus. A. J. Hare.
4257802 Fus. T. Ridge.
4256678 Lce.-Cpl. F. Snowden.
4257420 Fus. C. W. Turner.
4257456 Fus. J. Walker.
4257443 Fus. R. H. Wilson.
4256695 Bdsmn. R. Anderson.
4257419 Fus. G. Davies.
4257784 Fus. F. Johnstone.
4257440 Fus. G. Rix.
4257711 Fus. G. Siddell.
4257664 Fus. W. Dugdale.
4257394 Fus. E. Henderson.
4257513 Fus. F. Pattison.
4257622 Fus. H. Stephenson.
4260542 Fus. E. A. Eddows.
4258032 Fus. R. B. Gray.

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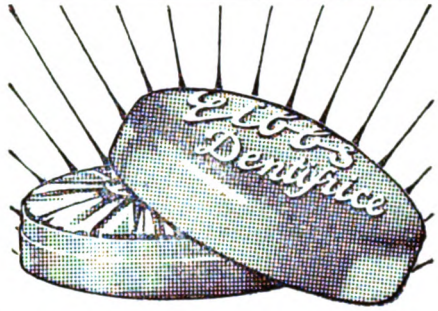

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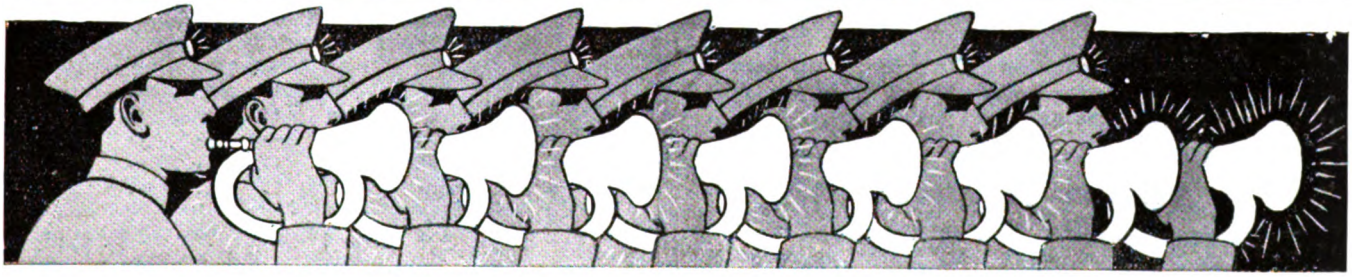

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4TH (T.A.) BATTALION NOTES.

NEWBURN-ON-TYNE,
24th January, 1927.

There must be few amongst us who saw the passing of the Old Year with any regrets, with its long tale of industrial strike and consequent unrest, which made the task of all those interested in the training and welfare of the Battalion a particularly arduous one.

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In spite of the cancellations of Annual Training and the innumerable difficulties and interruptions which occurred, the Battalion has emerged with credit from the ordeal and real progress has been made.

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There is invertably a certain amount of leeway to be made up, but everything points to a rapid recovery, and we are confident that 1927 will prove a satisfactory year.

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New Year's Eve, and in fact one might say New Year's Day, were celebrated by a Whist Drive and Dance given by the Sergeants of the Newburn Detachment; a most enjoyable evening was spent, thanks to the work of the Committee and the untiring efforts of the Band.

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The Whist Drive concluded at about 10 p.m., when the prizes were given away by Mrs. Gibson. Dancing then commenced, and with a short interlude at midnight, when "Auld Lang Syne" was sung, was continued into the small hours.

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Winter Training is beginning this month, and excellent attendances are promised. Some little difficulty is, however, being experienced in endeavouring to reconcile the hours of training with the varying hours of work prevailing in the Northumberland and the Durham Areas.

SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

The undermentioned is the result of the games :—

4TH NORTH'D. FUSILIERS *v.* NEWCASTLE R.E.'s.

MINIATURE SHOOT.

C/Sgt. W. Cameron	76
C.S.M. E. Mower	75
Sgt. T. Stamp	75
C.Q.M.S. G. Sparrow	72
C.S.M. A. McTeer	70
	368

Won by 41 points. Newcastle R.E.'s, 327 points.

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BILLIARDS.

R.S.M. S. C. Clarke	100
Lce.-Sgt. J. McHugh	100
Sgt. S. A. Armstrong	100
C.S.M. A. McTeer	74
	374

Won by 68. Newcastle R.E.'s, 306.

WHIST.

Sgt. R. Cowans Sgt. P. Downie	Won, 3—2	Lost, 6—4.
Sgt. T. Stamp Sgt. S. Veitch	Lost. 4—1	

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H.M.S. *Helicon v.* 4TH NORTH'D. FUSILIERS.

MINIATURE SHOOT.

C.S.M. E. Mower	76
C/Sgt. W. Cameron	77
C.Q.M.S. G. Sparrow	74
Sgt. T. Stamp	73
C.Q.M.S. T. Brown	67
	367

Won by 20 points. H.M.S. *Helicon* 347 points.

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WHIST.

R.S.M. S. C. Clarke C.Q.M.S. T. Brown	won by 3—2	won, 8—2
Sgt. T. Stamp Sgt. R. Cowans	won by 5—0	

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4TH BN. NORTH'D. FUS. *v.* 6TH. BN. NORTH'D FUS.

MINIATURE SHOOT.

C.S.M. E. Mower	77
C/Sgt. W. Cameron	77
C.Q.M.S. G. Sparrow	74
C.Q.M.S. T. Brown	73
Sgt. T. Stamp	73
	374

Lost by 2 points. 6th Bn. North'd. Fus., 376 points.

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BILLIARDS.

Sgt. J. Rollingson	91
C.S.M. L. Stuart	55
R.S.M. S. C. Clarke	100
Lce.-Sgt. J. McHugh	100
	346

Lost by 3 points. 6th Bn. North'd. Fus., 349 points.

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WHIST.

Sgt. G. Simpson Sgt. T. Stamp	lost 3—2	draw, 5—5
Sgt. R. Cowans Sgt. S. Veitch	won 3—2	

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5TH (T.A.) BATTALION NOTES.

WALKER-ON-TYNE,
January, 1927.

Now that the Christmas and New Year festivities are over, an early start is being made with work, and there is every indication that this year is going to be a record one as regards the amount of work that will be done; whether it will be a record one as regards the results remains to be seen, but everyone is full of hope. The Junior Officers' Class had begun, and there is a two-day Tactical Exercise for Officers at Hexham on the 29th and 30th January, followed by numerous War Games, Classes, etc., in the Drill Halls. There will be a week-end camp for N.C.O.'s at Ponteland on the 12th/13th February, and we are arranging for the services of the Depôt for this week-end, so we can be quite sure there will be no waste of time.

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Our strength is lowest in the Brigade at the moment, having been second strongest for some considerable time, but we shall soon pick up again—to first place, we hope—the temporary drop is due to the discharge of certain N.C.O.'s and men who failed, for various reasons, to fulfil their obligations.

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A very successful Mess Dinner was held on the 21st January, about 25 Officers and friends being present. Billiards and cards were still being played at 1 a.m.

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The Sergeants' Mess hold dances about once a month, which are becoming more and more successful.

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The Adjutant has returned from leave; he appears to have been taking the waters at Bath, doubtless in preparation for a strong "last lap," as he finishes his tour of duty this year. We believe that the only thing in this water is some species of salt, and is served in a teetotal place called a "Pump Room," but perhaps there is a good hotel close by!

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We welcome Mr. Ogden into our midst, and trust he will have a happy and successful career in the Battalion. Two other gentlemen are about to join.

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The weather is quite up-to-date, the ground is covered with snow one day and slush the next, but such a climate produces a hardy race; so we are forced to pretend we are hardy, even if we are not, and there may be something in "Couéism"!

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The Mess is in the hands of carpenters, who are making a verandah ante-room from which we can play bridge and watch the work going on in the Drill Hall at the same time—if we are allowed to. The kitchen is being enlarged, and new furniture is being bought, so what with the valuable library presented to us by Mr. Brewis, etc., we shall have a "Mess what's a Mess."

6TH (T.A.) BATTALION NOTES.

ST. GEORGE'S DRILL HALL,
NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE,
26th January, 1927.

We have to announce, with much regret, the retirement on to the Reserve of Officers of Capt. F. C. Clayton, M.C., who has, owing to living away from Newcastle, had to sever his connection with the Battalion.

Capt. Clayton joined the Battalion at Gosforth Park in September, 1914, and went out as Transport Officer with the Battalion to France in April, 1915. He was subsequently appointed Brigade Transport Officer to the 149th Brigade, and was the only Officer, as far as we know, who remained throughout with the Brigade until the end of the war. He was lucky enough not to be wounded; was twice mentioned in despatches, and received the Military Cross and Croix de Guerre.

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Since the war, Capt. Clayton has put his heart and soul into the work of the Battalion, and we feel sure that all ranks will greatly regret his retirement but will wish him all success in life and hope that he will often be with us in Mess and in Camp.

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We congratulate Mr. Carrick on his appointment to command "C" Coy. in place of Capt. Clayton. Mr. Carrick had considerable war experience, and we feel sure that the traditions of "C" Coy. will be safe in his competent hands. We hope, by the time the next notes appear, to be able to congratulate him on his captaincy.

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A very successful Whist Drive was held on the 20th January, when about 70 men and their wives put in an appearance. The Drive was well organised by the Entertainment Committee and R.M.S. O'Hara, and was very much appreciated.

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Training in earnest is now beginning, and the orders for section leading and musketry courses are out. It looks as if "full speed ahead" is to be the motto.

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We append the results of the Inter-Shooting and Billiard League:—

INTER-COMPANY LEAGUE.

FIXTURES.

31st Jan.	"B" Coy. *v.* H.Q. Coy. 1st Teams.
7th Feb.	"D" Coy. *v.* H.Q. Coy. 2nd Teams.
14th ,,	No fixture.
21st ,,	"A" Coy. *v.* "D" Coy. 1st Teams.
28th ,,	H.Q. Coy. *v.* "A" Coy. 2nd Teams.
7th Mar.	"A" Coy. *v.* "B" Coy. 2nd Teams.
14th ,,	"C" Coy. *v.* "D" Coy. 2nd Teams.

This re-arrangement is made in order to fit in with Company Training programmes.

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The results to the 17th January, inclusive, are as shown:—

SHOOTING.

Coy.	P.	W.	L.	Aggregate.	Points.
"C" ..	6	5	1	1470	10
"B" ..	6	3	3	1057	6
"A" ..	5	2	3	885	4
"D" ..	5	2	3	756	4
H.Q.	4	1	3	839	2

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BILLIARDS.

Coy.	P.	W.	L.	D.	For.	Against.	Pts.
"C" ..	6	5	1	–	1615	1361	10
H.Q. ..	4	2	–	2	1352	1103	6
"D" ..	5	1	2	2	1119	1118	4
"A" ..	5	1	2	2	1363	1426	4
"B" ..	6	0	4	2	1232	1073	2

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SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

27th January, 1927.

Don't be shocked, these notes ARE from the 6th Bn. Sergts.' Mess. Whilst apologising for absence of notes from us for the past few months, one of our New Year resolutions is to contribute regularly.

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The Army of Occupation (Exhibitions, The Post Office, and a Dog Show) having been withdrawn, we are now in complete possession. We say *complete*, because it was only by the great tactical judgment of our best brains and the good work of our mopping-up and cheerio parties, who had their hands full, that we clung to the Mess when the doggy men held the remainder of the Hall on New Year's Day.

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We take this opportunity, though belated, of congratulating R.S.M. O'Hara on his appointment to this Battalion. We wish him and Mrs. O'Hara good luck, good health and success during their stay with us, which we hope will be a long one.

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It can safely be said that we are going "great guns" with our miniature rifles. Though whom the "big noise" is, we are not prepared to say at present. The team is gradually improving in the N. and D. Sergeants' League. Our last match in 1926 was against the Tyne E.E.'s at Clifford's Fort, where we lost by 11 points; though we put paid to their account on the billiard table. The scores were as under:—

SHOOTING.

C.S.M. W. Robinson	79
R.Q.M.S. J. Boyd	78
Sgt. C. Johnson	78
C.S.M. A. Hoggins	70
C.S.M. J. Robinson	69
	374

Lost by 11 points.

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BILLIARDS.

C.S.M. J. Robinson	100
C.S.M. W. Robinson	100
C.S.M. J. Fitzpatrick	94
Sgt. F. M. Wilson	74
	368

Won by 13 points.

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We commenced the New Year with our usual Miniature Range Prize Shoot. It was, without doubt, a great success. The scores of previous years were remarkably improved upon.

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The conditions were:—two sighters and eight to count on match targets, with service rifles.

The following were the principle prize-winners and scores:—

1st	R.S.M. O'Hara	79
2nd	C.S.M. Hoggins	76
3rd	R.Q.M.S. Boyd	76
4th	Sgt. Turner	75
5th	C.S.M. Robinson	74

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In the tie shoot between R.Q.M.S. Boyd and C.S.M. Hoggins the latter gained second place on the prize list.

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Mrs. Cable again kindly obliged us by presenting the prizes. We ended a perfect day with a very nice concert and the "Old Soldiers Never Die," and so on.

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We again thank gratefully the donors to our prize list.

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Our shooting and billiard forces successfully landed at Newburn at 20.00 hrs. on the 14th January, well armed, two match rifles and a billiard cue, in quest of points. Success rewarded our efforts in that we gained 5 points out of a possible 6.

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The R.S.M. was in the shooting team for the first time, and justified his inclusion by being top scorer.

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We must congratulate Sgt. Wilson on his great fight against Lce.-Sgt. McHugh, the 4th N.F. hot stuff, in the best billiard game. The results are given below:—

SHOOTING.

R.S.M. O'Hara	77
C.S.M. W. Robinson	75
Sgt. C. Johnson	75
C.S.M. J. Robinson	75
C.S.M. Hoggins	74
	376

Won by 2 points.

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BILLIARDS.

C.S.M. J. Robinson	100
C.S.M. W. Robinson	69
Sgt. W. Balmer	100
Sgt. F. M. Wilson	80
	349

Won by 3 points.

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The whist games were drawn.

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We returned at 23.20 hrs. by car (Corporation), well satisfied. One member could be heard humming "From victory unto victory," etc.

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Why make a song about it?

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The following punishment can, with courage, be self-inflicted. To the tune of " Geordie Hinney " :—

One neet we went to Newborn, wor friends up there to meet,
To shut and whist and billiards there to play.
Wor efforts war successful, tho' we fund them hard to beat ;
Points five of six we gently tuk away.

Noo they beat us at Newcastle, the last time that we met
So we knew that we had nowt to give away ;
We got two points at shutting, and nearly cut it neat,
And at billiards tee, we nearly had to pay.

Noo Wilson, he played splendidly in a gallant uphill fight ;
He proved to aal the lads that he could play,
And just when two he wanted, to promptly pot the white,
Was his game to dive wor gloomy thowts away.

Keep her gannin, Wilson ninney, noo we naa that ye can play,
Aalwis try and win wiv aal yer might ;
If there's only just two wanted and feel your deing rect,
Just pot the white and put your cue away.

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P.S.—The composer, who believes in " Safety first," wishes to remain anonymous, but with the Editor's permission will inflict further punishment next month.

Modified leave granted ! !—ED., *St.G.G.*

7TH BATTALION NOTES.

ALNWICK,
24th January, 1927.

We start our notes this month with an apology and excuse for our lapse last month.

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The fact is that our contribution was all ready for despatch and lying on the Adjutant's table, what time that gentleman lay sick of the 'flu, with the result that the notes were still lying there on his return to the factory, some days too late for inclusion.

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We take this somewhat late opportunity of wishing everyone the happiest possible New Year, coupled with much prosperity —and, as far as our brother Terriers are concerned, a successful camp and training season generally.

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Several of our Officers and some of the Permanent Staff have been putting in courses during the past month or two.

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The Adjutant was at Hythe all December.

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Capt. Gallon was attached to the Depôt K.O.S.B. at Berwick during November.

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2nd-Lieuts. Sanderson, Simpson and Fawcus are at present at the Regimental Depôt for their month's initial course.

C.S.M. Greeves, of the P.S., was on a Recruiter's Course at Newcastle in December, and this month is on an Armourer's Course at Enfield Lock.

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We hope that much useful knowledge has accrued, or will do so, as the case may be, to all concerned.

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We had a very successful and instructive week-end Tactical Scheme for Officers during the week-end, 15th/16th January.

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The venue was Morpeth, and we billeted at the Queen's Head there, going out to the ground, on the Long Horsley Road, by charabanc.

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A Conference of all Officers was presided over by Col. Wright at 9 p.m. on the Saturday, after Mess, when the forthcoming training season's programme was gone into, and we believe that useful results will materialise from the outline decided upon.

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The exercise was to bring out the essentials of Defensive Warfare, and three sound and very realistic pictures were presented in the " official " solutions to the various questions, viz. :—

(1) A Rearguard Position.
(2) An Outpost Position (to a force retiring).
(3) An organised Defensive Position.

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Until one has looked at the ground from the various points of view, one can hardly realise what wonderful country there is within a few miles of Newcastle for carrying out any type of Military Exercise. Certainly most of us had our eyes opened at this particularly fine stretch over which we operated during this week-end, and wondered how we'd never lit on it before.

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Much credit is due to our indefatigable Adjutant for the preliminary work put in to make it the success it was. Every point has been considered, and a tremendous amount of thought and energy must have been expended in order to achieve the excellent results attained.

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The Clerk of the Weather was also awarded full points. We couldn't possibly have had a better day.

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In all 19 Officers were present, and in addition Mr. Forbes-Watson came down from the Depôt to observe our operations, and we were very glad to see him. We hope he was able to go back and report satisfactorily upon all he had seen.

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The first problem involved the taking up of a rear guard position, and its ultimate evacuation in favour of a more rearward line. Next was the occupying and holding of an outpost line by night, and until the main body had made good the crossing of the River Coquet at Weldon Bridge, while the final stage dealt with the organisation of a proper defensive position where the enemy was to be definitely held down.

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Each particular phase was so clearly defined that no one could help but benefit, from a tactical point of view, from the day's outing.

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We are glad to welcome to the Battalion Capt. A. J. K. Todd, who was gazetted on the 8th December, 1926, and has been posted to command the Berwick Detachment.

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During the war Capt. Todd served in the Queen's Bays, and has just recently come to live in Alnwick.

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He made his first appearance with us at Morpeth.

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In each Company a course for Section Leaders has been started, and we hope to be able to produce some really good leaders for this year's camp.

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Strength to-day—20 Officers, 597 Other Ranks.

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Our St. George's Dinner this year is to be held at the Swan Hotel, Alnwick, on Tuesday, 26th April—the 12th anniversary of "St. Julien." All ex-Officers of the 7th Battalion are cordially invited, and any whose names should inadvertently be omitted from the list of invitations being sent out are requested to apply to the P.M.C. at the Drill Hall, Alnwick, for tickets.

Editorial Notes.

THE OLD MILL HOUSE,
PRESTON CROWMARSH,
NEAR WALLINGFORD,

January, 1927.

We are now in a position to supply Bound Volumes for the following years:—1890, 1891, 1895, 1896, 1897, 1899, 1901, 1921, 1922, 1923, 1924 and 1925. 10/- each.

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If any of our readers like fine embroidery work they may wish to acquire some, and at the same time help the widow of an old 5th Fusilier. Mrs. Barnard, Summerhill, Enfield, Co. Meath, Ireland, is the widow of the late Mr. George Barnard. She has also had three sons in the Regiment, one of whom was killed in the Great War. Since her husband's death, she has taken to selling her embroidery, and is willing to send her work on approval to anyone desirous of sampling it.

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A new year has ushered us into our 45th Volume, and we are sure that many old readers have been commenting, favourably or otherwise, upon the sea of advertisements among the waves of which they have to search for news of the Battalions. Whatever anybody thinks about this matter, there is no doubt that advertisements are essential to the *Gazette*. The total income derived from subscriptions and sales does not cover the cost of producing the *Gazette*. Thus it is that we come to what we really want to say to all our readers, which is SUPPORT THE "GAZETTE" ADVERTISERS. If you want to buy anything, look and see if an advertiser in the *Gazette* can sell it to you, and if so buy it from him. Ask your dry canteen manager to get you goods offered by advertisers. In fact, do your bit to induce our National advertisers to improve their trade by advertising in the *St. George's Gazette*.

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Mrs. Williams

Letters to the Editor.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

12th January, 1927.

To the Editor of "St. George's Gazette."

SIR,

THE REGIMENTAL MEDAL.

In the recently published "The Diaries of a Duchess," the Duchess of Northumberland, under date of 14th January, 1769, gives an extract of a letter received from an Officer at Limerick:—

"A few days ago arrived here Earl Percy, son to the Duke and Dutchess of Northumberland whose noble and disinterested Behaviour whilst in this Country will ever endear their Memory to the Irish Nation. His Lordship came here to see the 5th Regiment of which he was lately appointed Colonel, his polite and obliging Behaviour to the Officers as well as Humanity to the private Men, render him universally beloved and respected. We are 3 Regiments here in Garrison; the Officers of which as well as of a Man-of-War, station'd here, have been invited to dine with his Lordship on the Queen's approaching Birthday. I believe it can be said of the Garrison here, what can be said of few Corps that among the private Men there are at lease half of them who never were brought to a Court Martial or punish'd in 7 years' service. In consequence of this on Lord Townshend's Landing, the Captains gave to each Soldier a small Brass Medal which they wear at the Button-hole, as an honourable badge of Distinction.

"Lord Percy in order to encourage and promote so commendable a spirit, intends in honour of her Majesty's Birthday to give to each Man who has served with the same Credit 14 years, a Silver Medal in exchange for his Brass One. It is not to be express'd the good effect wch

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this Reward has upon the Men; the Anxiety they shew when Competitors to be admitted is wonderful and so careful are these medal Men of keeping their little Corps unsullied, that the other Day on a Man's being promised one, who had serv'd 7 years without being punish'd, they found out somehow that he had been try'd by a Court Martial 6 years ago (wch the Officers had forgot) tho' not punish'd. Upon which they came in a body to beg he might not be admitted, as they must look upon him as a Stain to their Order.

"Since the Institution of these Medals, it is incredible how few punishments we have had in the Regiment; for above 7 Months past we have never had so much as one Court Martial. In short the Soldiers are so disgraced after a punishment by losing their Right to become Candidates for this little Distinction that their Comrades will not keep them Company."

This letter from an Officer of the FIFTH adds interesting information to my article on "The Order of Merit" in the *Gazette* for August, 1923, as it would appear that the small brass medal was an early issue, and it explains the date on the engraved silver medal presented to George Kirk, fig. II, page 127, the 18th January, 1769, being Queen Caroline's birthday.

Yours faithfully,

ALFRED BREWIS.

SERVICE FILMS.

To the Editor of "St. George's Gazette."

SIR,

We all know that there is a second Newcastle in England, though I have never met anyone who has had the enterprise to search for it under the Lyme. But, generally, I think, we are more fortunate in this country than our friends across the Channel in the matter of duplicated place names. There must be, for instance, at least a dozen Noyelles in France in addition to that one in which the 1st Battalion was billeted prior to marching forward to the Mons Canal. Yet, during the war, I personally came across only one Vermelles. It lay close to Philosophe, to the west of Loos, as a heap of bricks and rubble with here and there a ruined building, spared miraculously from complete destruction by the enemy's artillery which bombarded the wretched place incessantly. Its offence against the Germans lay in a ruined water tower giving possibility of artillery observation so long as it stood.

I was, therefore, amused to find in *Advance Screen's* review of "Mademoiselle from Armentières" the name "Vermelles" selected as recalling "one of those picturesque little hamlets . . . many miles back out of the line," when to me it recalls a scene of shell-shattered desolation.

Incidentally, I wonder if your reviewer has been altogether fair to this film in all his charges of unreality. I have not myself seen the film, so I do not know the period with which it deals. But the situation in these towns in the forward area changed so greatly as the war progressed, that anyone who visited one of them for the first time in 1917 would have often found it difficult to visualise its condition at an earlier period. For example, to one who visited Ypres during the later phases of the war it could be scarcely credible that, prior to the Second Battle of Ypres, the barracks were filled with British troops and the streets thronged with the civil population, even though at any moment it was open to the Germans to deal with the town as they had already dealt with the Cathedral and the Cloth Hall. And so, too, with Armentières, which remained immune for that prolonged period during which "Plugstreet" spelt peace. I will, if I may, quote a passage from a "well-known war book" dealing with the situation at Armentières at the period of the Battle of the Somme:—

> "No greater contrast could be imagined than that between the conditions prevailing on this front and those of the battlefield of the Somme, from which the Division had just come. Where, in Albert, 5,000 yards in rear of the nearest point in the British front line, one lived in shattered ruins under shell-fire and the continuous roar of our own artillery, here in Armentières, a little more than a mile from the German line, one found a café and shops where French civilians still plied a brisk trade with the British soldier."

It was later, after the Germans brought their terrible (and, I think, first) mustard gas bombardment on this fool's paradise, that Armentières went the way of the other towns in the shelled area. So, though we cannot accept her co-operation in a mass attack, poor little Mademoiselle did, perhaps, lead a joyous life in fairly congenial surroundings.

I was sorry to find *Advance Screen* supporting the offensive against American war films. The propaganda, in the form of adverse criticism in the British press, directed against "The Big Parade," was, in my opinion, most unjust, and unworthy of us. I went to this film three times, for to me it was the most wonderfully realistic presentation of the war. Every officer I have met who has seen this film agrees in this, and in the view that there is nothing in the film to offend our susceptibilities. It has been suggested in the press that the scene in which the action was set was absurdly unreal. A friend of mine who was liaison officer with the American Army has assured me that, in fact, it is a remarkably faithful representation of the country in which the American troops were operating in the last phases of the war. Some of the Infantry formations in the attack may, it is true, be open to criticism; but so is the employment of 18-pounder guns by "L" Battery in the Mons film, and the anachronisms in dress, etc., which can be noted in the Ypres film.

In submitting the above comments, I trust that I may be acquitted of playing the part of a carping critic. I read the admirable reviews that you published in the December number with the greatest interest, and if I may do so without presumption, I should like to congratulate you, Sir, on a novel and very welcome departure in the *St. George's Gazette*.

Yours very truly,

H. R. SANDILANDS.

FOLLOW THE "FLAG."

The famous Bristol tobacco manufacturers have just introduced Wills's "Flag" Cigarettes. They are an entirely original and skilful blend of the finest Empire grown and Virginia tobacco, and owing to the preferential duty afforded Empire leaf can be sold at 10 for 5d.

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14,000 FARM WORKERS WANTED.

Canada's Call.

A call for 14,000 men for farm work in Canada this spring has been issued by the Government of Ottawa.

The announcement is made by Mr. J. Bruce Walker, Director of European Emigration for the Dominion of Canada in London, who has received a cable to this effect from the Dominion Minister of Immigration, the Hon. Robert Forke, himself a Scottish emigrant.

Interviewed in London, Mr. Bruce Walker said :—

" Of this, the biggest contingent of male settlers ever to leave these shores, 10,000 will go under the auspices of the Dominion Government, and 2,000 each under the two railway companies, the Canadian National and the Canadian Pacific.

" The Government's quota will be divided as follows :—

5,800 with farm experience.
2,500 partly experienced, with knowledge of horses, etc.
1,700 without experience.

" Each railway quota will consist of :—

500 with farm experience.
500 partly experienced.
1,000 without experience.

" These 14,000 men will be in addition to emigrants under the 3,000 Families Scheme and all will travel at the lately reduced cheap rate varying from £2 to Halifax, St. John and Quebec, to £4 10s. to Winnipeg and £5 10s. to Calgary.

" The Canadian Government will undertake to place its 10,000 men on farms and will be responsible for their after care. The 4,000 going out under the railway companies will be placed on farms by their respective organisations.

" All these men must be British," Mr. Bruce Walker added, " of sound health and good character, and it must be definitely understood that they will be required to sign an undertaking to go to farm work."

Abundant evidence is forthcoming from Canada as to the success which has attended the efforts of settlers who recently left the Old Country for the Dominion. Mr. Frank G. Saville, of Harlestown, Norfolk, reports that he left Norfolk with his wife and eleven children for Canada in 1924. On his arrival at Hardisby he purchased a half section of land, some cattle and horses. In 1925 he bought an additional quarter section, and in 1926 he purchased a further half section of land. In 1926, from 300 acres he harvested 7,700 bushels of wheat and 1,551 bushels of oats, and is to-day worth $23,800. Mr. Saville wants to see more English farmers settle in Canada and duplicate his success. Another case is that of Mr. Harold Smith, who through the Soldiers' Settlement Board acquired a half section of land 25 miles from the city of Regina and 7 miles from Franslake. In 1925 he had 2,300 bushels of wheat from 93 acres and sufficient feed oats for his stock. In 1926 he had 7,000 bushels of wheat apart from live stock. He had ten years' experience in Canada and England as a farm labourer, and is well satisfied with the progress he has made. Mr. F. Crossley purchased a quarter section of land from the Canadian Pacific four years ago, situated some three miles north of Lloydminster, Saskatchewan. From this land he has sold grain to the amount of $9,615. He paid $22 per acre for the land and lately refused $35 per acre for it. Full particulars as to how to settle in Canada and details regarding the ocean fare of £2 to the Dominion may be obtained on application to the

Colonisation Department, Canadian Pacific Railway,
62, Charing Cross, London, S.W. 1.

PHŒBE HESSEL.

In spite of the renown of Phœbe Hessel, we think no harm can be done by re-iterating the account of her career.—Ed., *St. G.G.*

This woman is a Brighton celebrity who in any record of the town may not rightly be passed over without notice. Born at Stepney in 1713, at the age of 15, Phœbe Smith fell in love with one of " Kirke's Lambs," Sam Golding. When Golding's Regiment was ordered, in 1728, to the West Indies she disguised herself as a boy and enlisted in the 5th Foot, also *en route* for that Colony.* No suspicion of her sex was entertained, and it was not until after Fontenoy, where she was wounded, that she confided her story to General Pearce's wife, who obtained her discharge, and so enabled her to return to England and nurse her lover who had been invalided home and lay in Plymouth hospital. Golding was retired from the Army on account of his wounds and given a pension when the devoted couple married. Golding died some years after, and then Phœbe married one Thomas Hessel, who departed this life in 1792, when his wife became an itinerant vendor of fish and vegetables. Subsequently she entered the Brighton poor-house, but quitted it when the Prince of Wales settled on her a small annuity. She obtained leave to sit at the corner of the Steine and the Marine Parade with a little basket containing sweets, pincushions and toys. " Her appearance as she sat there was very quaint "—so runs a contemporary account—" and the long wash-leather mittens that covered her arms, her knitted woollen tippet, and the old bonnet from which appeared the frill of a thick comfortable-looking cap, called to the attention of passers by." It was a point of honour amongst most visitors to patronise the old woman, and when a grand fête was organised at Brighton to celebrate the victory at Waterloo, the ex-soldier, then 102 years old, was seated, as the town's oldest inhabitant, at the Vicar's right hand. She died six years later, and was buried in the Churchyard of St. Nicholas. The epitaph runs :—

Phœbe Hessel.
Who was born at Stepney in the year 1713.
She served for many years as a Private Soldier in the
Fifth Regiment of Foot in different parts of Europe,
and in the year 1745 fought under the command of the
Duke of Cumberland at the Battle of Fontenoy,
Where she received a bayonet wound in her arm.
Her long life, which commenced in the Reign of
Queen Anne, extended to that of King George IV.,
By whose munificence she received comfort and support
in her latter days. She died at Brighton,
where she had long resided,
December 12th, 1821, aged 108.

From Melvile's " Brighton," pub. Chapman and Hall, 1909.

A picture of the memorial is in the possession of the Officers, 2/5th Fusiliers.

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*According to Wood, Vol. II. " British Regiments in War and Peace," the Fifth left Gibraltar in 1728 for Ireland where seven years were spent. Two years were then passed in England, the Regiment returning to Ireland where it remained 17 years.

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A REGIMENTAL PAPER FOR THE "OLD AND BOLD."

"Quo fata vocant."

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THE OLD MILL HOUSE,

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DEATH.

FOGGAN.—At Jarrow, on 23rd February, 1927, James Foggan, late 5th Fusiliers, an Afghan War veteran, aged 72 years.

EXTRACTS FROM *The London Gazette* :—

REGULAR BATTALIONS.

2nd-Lieut. R. H. Hobbs to be Lieutenant (dated 31st January, 1927).

Capt. and Bt.-Maj. K. G. Williams, O.B.E., retires on ret. pay (dated 14th February), and is granted the rank of Major.

2nd-Lieut. J. A. C. Kingstone to be Lieutenant (dated 18th December, 1926).

REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

Major K. G. Williams, O.B.E. (Capt. and Bt.-Major, ret. pay) to be Major (dated 14th February), with seniority 23rd October, 1925.

TERRITORIAL BATTALIONS.

The King has been graciously pleased to confer the Territorial Decoration upon the following Officer, under the terms of the Royal Warrant dated 13th October, 1920 :—

5th Bn.—Capt. C. W. Fairweather (T.A. Res. of Officers).

5th Bn.—R. A. Ridley (late Cadet, St. Bees Sch. Contgt., Jun. Div., O.T.C.) to be 2nd-Lieutenant (dated 26th January).

6th Bn.—The following 2nd-Lieutenants to be Lieutenants :—G. L. A. France (dated 11th December, 1926), P. Gardner (dated 17th December, 1926), A. H. M. Field (dated 17th December, 1926), C. B. Gillespie (dated 18th December, 1926).

7th Bn. 2nd-Lieut. V. W. Brown to be Lieutenant (dated 4th February, 1927).

Obituary.

MR. W. JAMES.

The death has occurred at Charlton, Kent, of Mr. W. James, at the age of 92.

James served in the 1st Bn. 5th Fusiliers as a Private from 1872 to 1875, being transferred from the 81st Regiment, into which he enlisted in 1853. He served through the Indian Mutiny, and was in possession of the Mutiny Medal, as well as the N.W. Frontier Medal, 1858-9, and the Long Service and Good Conduct Medals. In 1920 he was given a berth as an in-pensioner in Chelsea Hospital, but relinquished that privilege in the following year when, being then 87 years old, he preferred to try his luck in Canada.

On returning to England, he resided with his son-in-law, Mr. McKenzie, at Charlton, where he died. He was buried with Military honours, and the 5th Fusiliers' Old Comrades' Association sent a wreath to the funeral. James had one son, who served in the 5th Fusiliers: to him and the other relatives of the late veteran we tender our sympathy.

Regimental Notes.

1ST BATTALION NOTES.

BALLYKINLAR,

February, 1927.

The chief event of Regimental interest in the past month has been the success of the Battalion boxing team in retaining the Northern Ireland District Cup, which they won last year, and we take this opportunity of congratulating all members of the team on the spirit of pluck and determination which carried them through. All arrangements in connection with the selection and training of the team were, as usual, in the hands of Mr. Carr-Ellison and, although full credit must be given to each one of the team for his individual share in the victory, there is no denying the fact that had it not been for Mr. Carr-Ellison's keenness and energy the Cup might easily have gone into other hands. The writer, being associated with the running of games in the Battalion, has first hand knowledge of the time and trouble devoted by Mr. Carr-Ellison to the training and well-being of the team, and of the very efficient manner in which he ran it from start to finish. We are also indebted to him for rounding off his job by writing the full accounts, which appear in these notes, of the Inter-Services competition, and of the first round of the N.I.D. Cup *versus* the Foresters.

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In a team where every member displayed merit, it is hardly possible to single out individuals for special mention, and the following comments on each one of them are therefore given as probably being representative of the impressions made by them upon their supporters, safely esconced in the ring-side seats, during the finals between the FIFTH and the 1st Bn. Durham Light Infantry.

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MR. CARR-ELLISON.—Had no difficulty in disposing of his opponent, and could have disposed of a much better one. In fairness to the opponent, however, it must be said that he deputised at very short notice for another Officer—who could not fight owing to influenza—and put up a very stout show.

MR. STOCKLEY.—Fought at shortish notice against a tougher and more experienced opponent. Received a well-deserved round of applause for the plucky manner in which he lost. The referee stopped the fight when he had received heavy punishment, and he retired covered in blood and glory.

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MR. LAING.—Also met a more experienced man and a hard hitter. The fight went the three rounds. Mr. Laing displayed plenty of courage and gave the impression that he has the makings of a good fighter if he goes on with it. Lost on points.

FUS. HOLDESWORTH.—A young soldier with plenty of spirit, and an aggressive boxer who can hit hard. Should go a long way if he sticks to it. Won his contest.

FUS. BROWN.—An ideal feather-weight who knows a good deal about the game, Has a long reach, a good guard, and a hefty punch. What more does he want? Is a thruster and yet keeps cool about it. Won his contest.

CPL. ROPER.—Very much improved on last year, and has learnt to attack more. Has a good guard, and can hit quite hard. Won on points.

LCE.-CPL. NAYLOR.—Was a little unlucky in being unable, through suffering from boils, to start training until later than the rest of the team. Was also perhaps a trifle unlucky to lose his fight through receiving a hefty punch, from which he had some difficulty in recovering, in the last round when he was leading on points. Much credit is due to his opponent, who made a great recovery after having been put down several times and after being hit really hard. Naylor lost on points.

CPL. HACKETT.—Much improved on last year. Is very quick and a difficult man to hurt as he has a good guard. Won on points.

CPL. PURCELL.—Put up an excellent fight against a man of rather superior stamina, with a harder punch. Displayed plenty of knowledge of the game. Lost on points.

FUS. STOCKTON.—As usual put up an excellent fight. He was drawn against an opponent who impressed us as being just the better man. Made a very determined fight for points, which he just could not get.

LCE.-CPL. STOBBART.—A very aggressive boxer with a good punch, but not much of a guard. Boxes for the first half minute of the round, then gets excited and swings wildly, thereby laying himself out to at least a lucky k.o. from his opponent. Has a good reach, but would give the impression of being safer if he would only hit straighter. Has plenty of determination to win. Did win.

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Other sports events are chronicled under their respective headings in these notes.

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Apart from matters of sport, February may be said to have been a month of attempts at snow, some days of ideal spring weather when one felt it was good to be alive, other days of incessant rain or gales of wind when one almost felt the reverse. A feature of the month was a Regimental Order placing five Officers—all four Company Commanders and the Weapon Training Officer—on the sick list, all of them succumbing, within a brief period of about 24 hours, to the ravages of the 'flu bug. They all returned to duty after periods of absence of about seven days.

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As he crept between the sheets one night, rather sleepy under the soporific influence of the Mesopotamia Campaign, 2nd-Lieut. Brain Fag thanked his stars that he had not been a victim; then he began thinking how curious it was the way all five had gone sick so suddenly, what a lot of 'flu there was about, and how mysterious were the ways of the Bug. It may have been caused by his recent browsing over Mespot., or possibly it was just a freak of his own fancy. Anyway, whichever it was, his thoughts ran something like this :—

To the student of war in its various forms the history of the strategy and tactics of the 'flu bug, in its attack on the Battalion presents several points of interest, and forms a valuable addition to the lessons to be learnt from an examination of the actions of a Commander based on the deductions drawn by him from the information at his disposal. In making a study of the operations we must assume, of course, that Bug knew sufficient of war to realise that his ultimate objective must be the destruction of the enemy forces—the enemy in this case, of course, being the 1st Battalion Fifth Fusiliers. Having made that assumption, we may pass on to his appreciation of the situation at the commencement of operations, and the methods adopted by him to attain his object.

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There can be no doubt that in making his appreciation, Bug realised that if he wished to destroy the Battalion he must destroy at least a proportion of its organisation of officers. In considering how best to accomplish this he doubtless felt that an attack on the Commanding Officer or Adjutant or Quartermaster would be too obvious, and that to make such an attack he would have to dispense almost entirely with the element of the unexpected.

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A study of his opponents' organisation also, no doubt, led him to suppose that it would be unreasonable to hope for any decisive result if he were to make an attack on any portion of the Subaltern Officers. He therefore decided that his best plan would be to strike a middle course and direct his attack upon the Company Commanders, combining with this attack a subsidiary operation against the W.T.O. as being the Officer responsible for an important branch of the training organisation of the Battalion.

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So far we may say that his appreciation contained a degree of soundness. In order to get as quickly as possible to the chief points to be made, we may now go straight on to the details of his plan, which we find to have been as follows :—

(1) By maintaining a steady pressure on the other ranks only for some two weeks, to lull the Officers into a false sense of security.

(2) To put the Medical Officer out of action early in the proceedings, thereby subjecting the other ranks to increased casualties, and leaving the Officers undefended when the time came to attack them.

(3) Having accomplished (1) and (2), to attack the Company Commanders and W.T.O. where he found them weakest, and then complete their defeat in detail, so bringing about the disorganisation of the Officers, and with it the destruction of the Battalion.

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We may now pass on to the analysis of the actual operations and see wherein lay the causes of success or failure.

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In the earlier stages we find the operations against the other ranks meeting with a considerable degree of success, fairly numerous casualties being caused in all companies. The attack upon the Medical Officer also appears to have gone entirely according to plan, though this move was swiftly countered by the enemy who threw in another and a bigger one. Turning to

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the major operations against the Company Commanders and W.T.O., we find the first objective to have been carefully selected, and the principle of economy of force to have been given due consideration in the plan. To appreciate the application of this principle it is necessary for a moment to study the respective situations of the Company Commanders at the time chosen for the attack. Of the four, Capt. Powell and Capt. Buckley were both in a sound position, and had had little or no trouble in their respective sectors. In the cases of Capt. Braddell and Capt. Pemberton, however, the situation was different. Capt. Braddell had only just returned from the ease and luxury of leave, and had obviously not yet been able to adapt himself to the rigours of Ballykinlar. The fact that he had cut short his leave in order to be present as a candidate for the (C) examination for promotion also undoubtedly had an adverse effect on his already lowered morale. Capt. Pemberton was also a candidate for the same examination at the time of the attack, and could therefore be considered to be in an abnormal state of mind. It is therefore clear that Bug, in selecting these two as his first objective, had made an accurate estimate of the weak spots in the Company Commanders' front. It moreover does not appear that any improvement could have been effected in the timing of the attack. In the case of Capt. Braddell, it was made before the examination, with the result that by the end of the day he was a complete casualty. In Capt. Pemberton's case it was made at the end of the day of the exam., when he could be calculated upon to be in a state bordering on exhaustion. A simultaneous operation against the Weapon Training Officer was also completely successful.

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Bug's plans were going well. On the second day of operations the defeat in detail of Capt. Powell and Capt. Buckley was carried out without difficulty, and the subsequent rapid spreading of the offensive to their respective households should be noted as an example of successful local exploitation.

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Up to this point the operations of Bug had met with complete success. By a series of carefully thought out operations, which might with interest be compared, up to a point only, with Maude's steady and methodical advance on the Tigris, he had achieved his plan of incapacitating the Company Commanders and the W.T.O. His expectations of far-reaching results from this achievement were, however, never fulfilled, and it is at this point that he may be said to have reached the zenith of his success. The story of how the Battalion carried on despite these casualties; how it withstood further attacks, and how it eventually itself took the offensive, led by the Medical Officer armed with a hypodermic syringe and a bottle of anti-flu. preparation—this tale of the disaster to the Bug forces is too well-known to need detailed repetition, and can only be compared to the Turkish pursuit of Townshend from Ctesiphon to Kut.

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The questions we may now ask ourselves are:—" What was the cause of Bug's failure? Was his plan of basing his scheme of attack on the overthrow of these five Officers a sound one? If not, wherein lay the weakness, and what better plans should we, now able to view the campaign in the proper perspective, consider might have been worthy of consideration?

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As regards the causes of Bug's failure, and the soundness or otherwise of his decision to endeavour to bring about the eventual destruction of the Battalion by placing these five Officers out of action, several conclusions must occur to the strictly impartial critic.

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First of all—to go back to his appreciation—he was undoubtedly correct in assuming that the destruction of the Battalion could not be completely effected without steps being taken to render the Officers ineffective. His decision to avoid the obvious line of attack, likewise, does not appear to call for any adverse criticism. Nor can anything be said against his conclusion that a decisive result could not probably be obtained by attacking any group of the Subalterns. It must therefore appear, from a superficial examination of the courses which Bug considered to be open to him, that he adopted the only sound one left open to him. The plan, however, fell far short of laying the way open to the ultimate objective—*i.e.*, the destruction of the Battalion—and if we weigh it carefully we will find the whole cause of failure to lie in one primary error on Bug's part. In making his plan he assumed, as we have seen, that by putting the Company Commanders and W.T.O. out of action his object of destroying the Officers' organisation, which was to lead on to the final destruction of the Battalion, was assured. The proof of the pudding is in the eating, and we find that although his offensive against these five Officers was successfully carried out, the effect upon the Battalion was almost negligible. Destructive criticism is admittedly easy, but we are here forced to the conclusions that (1) Bug, in making his plan, allowed himself to be influenced by an altogether exaggerated and unjustified idea of the indispensability of these Officers to the Battalion; and (2) as long as he based his plan of campaign on such an assumption, so long was it doomed to failure from the outset.

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No criticism, however, is complete unless some constructive suggestions are offered, and we should therefore consider whether any other courses were open to Bug, and if so were they any more likely to meet with success. Granted that it was necessary, in order to destroy the enemy, to bring about the disorganisation of the Officers, were there any other plans open to him to cause their overthrow?

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If we go back to B.'s considerations in deciding best how to attack the Officers, we are forced to the conclusion that though he considered several alternative courses, they were all confined to the somewhat narrow idea of a direct attack on one or another portion of them, and that no thought was given to the possibilities of some less direct and yet equally effective method of attack. In considering the further alternatives open to Bug, we must remember that his intelligence service was good, and his information regarding the strength and establishment of his enemy was accurate. This being so, he cannot have failed to have been correctly informed regarding the large number of privately owned horses in the Regiment. He must have known, likewise, that the large majority of the Officers availed themselves of existing facilities for hunting whenever it was possible. If, therefore, he could throw these Officers into a state of confusion and agitation, those who would be left for him to deal with were almost negligible. We must also credit Bug with having known of the ever-increasing interest and excitement over the forthcoming Regimental Point-to-Point. Here, then, appears to be a point where the Officers would be vulnerable, for if Bug could make any plan which would throw out of gear all the arrangements for the care of these special animals, would not that be as sure a way as any of making an

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attack upon the Officers, and of throwing them into a state of confusion and agitation? The idea certainly commends itself for two reasons:—(1) that by endangering the animals he would be making a direct attack upon the great majority of the Officers instead of upon a mere four or five; (2) that it could be carried out at less expense than an attack on four or five.

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As regards (2), this statement perhaps requires a little explanation. Now, if Bug knew of the existence of, and interest in the animals, he must also have known all about Copp. He must likewise have known that it was through the care and supervision of Copp that the animals were invariably kept so thoroughly fit and well. If, therefore, Copp himself were to be placed *hors de combat*, it is reasonable to suppose that the condition of the animals might well be jeopardised, and it is further safe to assume that if the condition of the animals were endangered in such a way and at such a critical time, the state of mental agitation into which all the Officers would be thrown would make them an easy prey and have results which would undoubtedly lead to their complete eventual disorganisation. The plan, therefore, of attacking Copp seems to be worthy of consideration for the reasons which have been made obvious. A second alternative plan for Bug might have been an instantaneous attack on the entire Mess staff, and yet a third might have been a combination of the first and second . . . of the first . . . of the first and second . . . yes, yes, thought Brain Fag, of the first and second position stoppages taking place instantaneously; capital idea! . . . What's that? First and second position stoppages taking place simultaneously? . . . Don't talk silly rot, man!! How can you have two stoppages taking place simultaneously *or* instantaneously? . . . Eh? What? Jam in the barrel? . . . *Jam* in the *barrel*? ? . . . barrels of jam? . . . *Barrels* of jam? ? ? . . . What a beastly idea!! . . . You mean *beer*, you fool!! Yes, beer, beer, B-E-E-R, BEER!! Barrels of beer, of course!!!

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Bang! Thump!! Crash!!! B. F. was awake again. Brother officers living in the same block always swore that B. F.'s servant could drop a silk handkerchief on to a Turkish carpet and make it sound like an iron girder landing in the street from the top of the Woolworth Building. That is probably why B. F. always woke up when his servant arrived in the morning.

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On this particular morning, when B. F.'s thoughts began to take shape, he fell to wondering how it was that he should have such an extraordinary dream about the campaign of Bug, with his appreciations and plans and operations; then he thought how odd it was the way the dream switched from that to Lewis gun stoppages, and again from that to other things. After cogitating in a fuddled sort of way for some time, he came to the conclusion that what with individual training, studying the Mespot. Campaign, and swotting for his promotion exam., he had been working a jolly sight too hard lately, and must, in fairness to himself, ease up a bit. That was it undoubtedly. He was working too hard, and he would jolly well see his Company Commander about it that very morning! As it was, his brain couldn't even rest when he was asleep.

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Lord! what a vile head he had this morning! It felt for all the world as though ten thousand corkscrews were holding a Charleston Class inside it. What *had* he been doing last night? Rack his brains as he might, he could not recollect having done anything to justify such torture. It couldn't have been that toss he took hunting the other day, either, or else he would have known about it by now. No. There was no doubt about it, it simply must be overwork.

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His eyes, too! It seemed as though he had red-hot pebbles behind them pressing on each eyeball, and with little needles sticking out of them and poking up into his head somewhere behind the forehead. Things were getting worse and worse, thought Brain Fag. Supposing something was wrong with his eyes, and he had to wear glasses! His whole appearance would be ruined. Anyway, he would refuse to wear them. He would sooner go blind.

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It was now getting late and high time he was getting up, and yet B. F. did not feel like getting up. What is more, he didn't think he *would* get up. Why should he, anyway? He was thoroughly run down, and would send for the doctor—not a bad fellow, the doctor; if you took him the right way, he might get you a spot of sick leave. That was a bright idea!

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Altogether Brain Fag decided that this particular morning must mark some crisis in his blameless young life, and something must be done about it. It was all very well to have to swot the Mespot. Campaign every night, even if it was quite fairly interesting in a way. The devil of it was that he could never remember in the morning what he had read overnight; and when during the night one began to have dreams of a Bug running a campaign, and the Bug kept on getting mixed up, first with Townshend, next with Nixon, and next with Maude, things were getting pretty serious.

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So B. F. sent for the doctor, and after giving a detailed explanation of his condition, hinted that about six weeks' sick leave would probably see him merry and bright, and his old rollicking self again.

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The doctor said nothing, and stuck a thermometer in his mouth. Beastly things, thermometers, thought Brain Fag, and why *do* these fool doctors invariably stick a thing like that in your mouth, and then start some fatuous conversation in which they know you cannot possibly take part? He supposed that the idea was for them to gain time, while they pretended to be finding out what was the matter with you.

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The doctor took away the thermometer, looked at it a moment, and smiled kindly at young Brain Fag. It seemed almost cruel to disillusion him regarding his imagined state of overwork. He was so set on the idea, and even seemed to have his six weeks' leave all mapped out. However, it had to be done, and so was done, as follows:—

"It's just a touch of 'flu you have got. You have a bit of a temperature, and I will put you on a light diet until it is normal. Keep in bed till I say you may get up, and you will probably be all right in about a week's time."

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A "touch of 'flu," forsooth! "All right in a week's time," indeed. . . . "A bit of a temperature"! A fat lot these doctors knew, thought Brain Fag. Confound the man, he felt he would not be able to move for weeks.

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'Flu it was, all the same. In spite of his protests, B. F. could not register any complaint but 'flu, and true to the doctor's prophecy was back at duty seven days later. He did *not* get his sick leave, . . . and Bug chuckled as he registered another victim.

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There are, however, other things to be recorded besides a few 'flu cases. Our first instalment of 40 Other Ranks for the 2nd Battalion has gone, having embarked at Birkenhead on the *Assyria*. The remainder of the draft goes early in March to embark at Tilbury. We take this opportunity of wishing them *bon voyage* and a happy time with the 2nd Battalion.

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On 28th February we emerge from hibernation and pretend that Spring has arrived. In other words, "X" and "Y" Companies begin training, to be followed by "W" and "Z" Companies in April.

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Amongst the Officers February has been rather a high-brow month. Capt. Braddell and Capt. Pemberton, having passed their "C" Exam. for promotion, and Mr. Crawhall and Mr. Bland having likewise steered clear of the pitfalls of "A." To them our congratulations. Mr. Bolster is also to be congratulated on having obtained an interpretership in French.

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The Regimental tradition of maintaining a sufficient quota of FIFTH Officers in Africa to ensure that nothing goes wrong with it, is being maintained by the departure of Mr. Bland to Uganda. We wish him all good luck, and look forward to seeing him when he returns on leave with cases stuffed with elephants' trunks and lions' skins.

FOOTBALL NOTES.

In the semi-final of the N.I.D. Cup, the Battalion team disposed of the Depôt R.V.R. by 9 goals to 0. The R.V.R. were a very young team, and though outclassed fought against the odds in a plucky manner.

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In the final we meet the D.L.I. in Belfast.

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The Inter-Company Leagues will finish during March, and full details will be published next month.

BOXING NOTES.

The Boxing Season has started strongly, and all our representatives have improved on previous performances.

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The first competition held, open to all ranks of the Services, was an Inter-Services Tournament, held in the Command Central Gymnasium, Victoria Barracks, Belfast, on the 2nd and 3rd February. The proceeds of which were devoted to local charities.

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Eleven N.C.O.'s and Fusiliers entered for this, and we got the winners of the Feather and Welter-weights, also the runners up of the Welter, Light, and Middle-weights, out of five weights competed for, which was indeed a good start to the season.

RESULTS.

1ST SERIES.

Light-weights.—O.S. McWilliams, R.N.V.R., *v.* Fus. Simpson, 5th Fusiliers.

McWilliams won on points. Simpson hit strongly throughout, but has not yet got a good enough defence, and was beaten by an experienced boxer who eventually won the weight.

Welter-weights.—Cpl. Hackett, 5th Fusiliers, *v.* Pte. Harrison, West Yorks' Regt.

Cpl. Hackett attacked from the start and won the bout on points by a fair margin.

Heavy-weights.—Lce.-Cpl. Stobbart, 5th Fusiliers, *v.* Pte. Tyman, D.L.I.

Both men fought at a terrific pace and swinging blows predominated. In the first round Tyman was down twice; at the second meeting Stobbart was unlucky to receive a k.o. blow. He must learn to box coolly.

Middle-weights.—Fus. Stockton, 5th Fusiliers, *v.* Gnr. Powell, R.A.

Fus. Stockton again gave a fine display, and was aggressive throughout, using both hands freely. In the second round Gnr. Powell gave in.

Feather-weights.—Fus. Brown, 5th Fusiliers, *v.* A.B. Gatensby, R.N.V.R.

Brown boxed coolly and with great judgment, and was unable to deliver the k.o. owing to the A.B. clinching whenever possibly. Brown eventually won comfortably on points.

Light-weights.—Cpl. Roper, 5th Fusiliers, *v.* Pte. Gumsley, Sherwood Foresters.

Cpl. Roper was up against a much taller man, but quickly adapted himself, and at the second meeting delivered a well-timed upper-cut which k.o. his opponent.

—— Cpl. Ross, 5th Fusiliers, *v.* Fus. Marshall, 5th Fusiliers.

Fus. Marshall started aggressively and landed a right and left to the mark, which doubled up Ross; on rising he was sent to the boards again by a right from Marshall and the Referee stopped the fight.

Welter-weights.—Fus. Colley, 5th Fusiliers, *v.* L/A. Noonan, R.A.F.

Colley landed several right swings which worried the airman, and after an even first round ran out an easy winner on points.

—— Gnr. O'Neill, R.A., *v.* Fus. Sharpe, 5th Fusiliers.

This was an even fight. Fus. Sharpe has improved, and with more experience will make a good boxer; he won easily on points.

—— Cpl. Hackett, 5th Fusiliers, *v.* Lce.-Cpl. Insley, Sherwood Foresters.

Hackett was aggressive, and after leading on the first round delivered a left followed by a perfect right hook which k.o. his opponent in the second round. He has improved beyond recognition, and should do well in the team this season.

Feather-weights.—Fus. Collighan, 5th Fusiliers, *v.* Pte. Hornby, West Yorks. Regt.

This fight was the last of the first evening, because Pte. Hornby had fought a very hard six rounds contest with Bdsmn. Carnduff, Royal Ulster Rifles, who was Bantam-weight Champion, India, 1925 and 1926. Hornby showed signs of fatigue and after the first round Collighan had it all his own way; but it was a pity the fight was not left till the following night, when both men would have had a fair chance.

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SECOND NIGHT.

Semi-Finals and Finals.

Feather-weights (*Semi-Finals*).—Fus. Brown, 5th Fusiliers, *v.* Fus. Collighan, 5th Fusiliers.

Brown won on points after an even fight which produced good, clean boxing, and both men have very good styles and hit hard and straight.

Light-weights (*Semi-Finals*).—Cpl. Roper, 5th Fusiliers, *v.* Fus. Marshall, 5th Fusiliers.

Fus. Marshall had to retire in the first round, owing to an injury to his hand caused the previous night.

Welter-weights (*Semi-Finals*).—

Fus. Colley, 5th Fusiliers, walked over Lce.-Cpl. Harris, West Yorks. Regt., on duty.

—— Fus. Sharpe, 5th Fusiliers, *v.* Cpl. Hackett, 5th Fusiliers.

Hackett won an even fight on points. Fus. Sharpe must use his brain more and get quicker all round. By this time we were getting used to seeing an all-Fusilier fight, and it was good to see the enthusiasm shown by our supporters and the keen way the men fought in spite of being drawn against one another.

Middle-weights (*Semi-Finals*).—Lce.-Br. Coulson, R.A., *v.* Fus. Stockton, 5th Fusiliers.

Fus. Stockton wasted no time, and soon had his opponent groggy, and the Gunner gave in during the second round.

Feather-weights (*Finals*).—Fus. Brown, 5th Fusiliers, *v.* Lce.-Cpl. MacMahon, Sherwood Foresters.

This promised to be an even bout, but it was soon apparent that Brown knew more of the game and was using his reach to such good effect that MacMahon could do little. Brown, who is a first-class boxer, who times his blows to perfection, delivered a clean k.o. towards the end of the first round.

Light-weights (*Final*).—Cpl. Roper, 5th Fusiliers, *v.* O.S. McWilliams, R.N.V.R.

This was the closest fight of the Competition, and Roper is improving each year and was unlucky to lose the verdict after an extra round.

Welter-weights (*Final*).—Fus. Colley, 5th Fusiliers, *v.* Cpl. Hackett, 5th Fusiliers.

This was a good fight, with Hackett the more aggressive. Colley must use his left more and get quicker. Both men hit hard, and Hackett won on points.

Middle-weights (*Final*).—Cpl. Curry, D.L.I., *v.* Fus. Stockton, 5th Fusiliers.

This was a splendid fight, both men evenly matched, with Curry the harder hitter—he won the first round by a fair margin. Stockton attacked more in the second round and boxed cleverly ; this round was very even. In the final round Stockton piled on a lot of points, but not quite enough to level up the first round ; he lost on points.

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FIRST ROUND, N.I.D. TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS.

5th Fusiliers *v.* 1st Bn. Sherwood Foresters, at Londonderry, 14th February.

The Team and Reserves travelled to Londonderry on Saturday, 12th February, arriving after a long journey, at 9.30 p.m. They were met at the station by several of the Sherwood Foresters, who did everything possible to give our team a good time. The Officers had arrived about five o'clock in Mr. Carr-Ellison's car, and had already settled down into their temporary quarters.

On Sunday morning the whole team took a little gentle exercise through the streets of Londonderry. At 11.30 a.m. the Officers assisted, or rather attempted to assist, the Officers of the Foresters in a hockey match against the Sergeants of the Foresters. The Sergeants winning by 4 goals to 1.

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The Championships started at 8 o'clock on Monday, 14th, and a brief account of each fight is below.

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Officers—Welter-weights.—2nd-Lieut. Laing, 5th Fusiliers, *v.* Lieut. Fairbanks, Sherwood Foresters.

Both Officers opened slowly, and Fairbanks won the first round. The second round was more even, both Officers getting in a few good blows. The third round saw Fairbanks making good use of his right, and he was the more experienced boxer and won on points.

Result.—5th Fusiliers, 1 pt. ; Sherwood Foresters, 2 pts.

Officers—Middle-weights.—Lieut. Clarke, Sherwood Foresters, *v.* Lieut. Yorke, 5th Fusiliers.

Clarke opened strongly and landed a right and left in quick succession, which worried Yorke. Yorke then attacked, but received a hefty right swing which knocked him over ; on rising he made a gallant attempt to stave off his opponent, who is a first-class performer, and was knocked out.

Result.—5th Fusiliers, 2 pts. ; Sherwood Foresters, 4 pts.

Officers—Catch-weights.—Lieut. Carr-Ellison, 5th Fusiliers, *v.* Lieut. Morrison, Sherwood Foresters.

Carr-Ellison had the more experience and the advantage in reach, and after being well up on points the fight was stopped in his favour in the second round, after Morrison had taken a tremendous lot of punishment.

Result.—5th Fusiliers, 4 pts. ; Sherwood Foresters, 5 pts.

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Other Ranks—Bantam-weights.—Fus. Holdesworth, 5th Fusiliers, *v.* Pte. Thompson, Sherwood Foresters.

Holdesworth went for his man from the start, and was well up on points throughout ; his opponent stuck it well, but could not reduce his deficit of points.

Result.—5th Fusiliers, 6 pts. ; Sherwood Foresters, 6 pts.

Other Ranks—Feather-weights.—Fus. Brown, 5th Fusiliers, *v.* Lce.-Cpl. MacMahon, Sherwood Foresters.

These two had met before in the Inter-Services Competition, and although MacMahon did better he was no match for Brown, who got in a succession of swift lefts, followed by a right hook which won him the fight. He is a clever boxer, with a long reach, and never wastes energy as all his blows find the target.

Result.—5th Fusiliers, 8 pts. ; Sherwood Foresters, 7 pts.

Other Ranks—Light-weights.—Cpl. Roper, 5th Fusiliers, *v.* Lce.-Cpl. Smith, Sherwood Foresters.

This was the closest fight of the evening. Smith started well and piled on a good few points, whilst Roper was endeavouring to tire him and if possible deliver a knock out. In the second round both men hit well, and the boxing was clean and straight ; this was an even round. At the third meeting Roper forced the pace, and got in a lovely right which nearly had Smith out, but Roper did not appear to notice this and was too slow in following up his advantage ; however, he had Smith well beaten

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towards the end of the round. He was unlucky not to get a k.o., as he had not quite wiped out the points Smith made in the first round. Smith won on points.

Result.—5th Fusiliers, 9 pts.; Sherwood Foresters, 9 pts.

Other Ranks—Welter-weights "A."—Lce.-Cpl. Naylor, 5th Fusiliers, *v.* Lce.-Cpl. Millington, Sherwood Foresters.

Naylor started aggressively and soon outclassed his opponent. In the second round he delivered a right which k.o. his opponent.

Result.—5th Fusiliers, 11 pts.; Sherwood Foresters, 10 pts.

Other Ranks—Welter-weights "B."—Cpl. Hackett, 5th Fusiliers, *v.* Lce.-Cpl. Insley, Sherwood Foresters.

Hackett started strongly and delivered a perfect right hook to his opponent's point half-way through the first round, which k.o. his opponent.

Result.—5th Fusiliers, 13 pts.; Sherwood Foresters, 11 pts.

Other Ranks—Middle-weights.—Fus. Stockton, 5th Fusiliers, *v.* Pte. Johnson, Sherwood Foresters.

Excitement was very high, as if we won this fight we won the match unless any of our men were disqualified.

Stockton opened well and commenced scoring and finding out his opponent's weak spots. Johnson was very doughty and a hard hitter, but was less experienced and not so fit as Stockton. At the end of the second round Stockton had the fight pretty well in hand, and during the third round continued to press home his attack, but could not knock his man out. Stockton won on points.

Result.—5th Fusiliers, 15 pts.; Sherwood Foresters, 12 pts.

Other Ranks—Light-Heavy-weights.—Cpl. Purcell, 5th Fusiliers, *v.* Sgt. Hickling, Sherwood Foresters.

Both men started well, and it was soon apparent that Hickling carried a heavy punch. This worried Purcell, who has never been the same man since he came home from India with fever. Purcell, however, used his reach and succeeded in keeping out his opponent and also scored several good points. The third round was even, with Hickling the more aggressive. Hickling won on points.

Result.—5th Fusiliers, 16 pts.; Sherwood Foresters, 14 pts.

Other Ranks—Catch-weights.—Lce.-Cpl. Stobbart, 5th Fusiliers, *v.* Sgt. Smith, Sherwood Foresters.

Stobbart started coolly and landed several straight lefts to his opponent's face and continued to box well throughout the round. At the second meeting he opened well, and was outpointing Smith rapidly; suddenly, on a remark from some men at the back, he started swinging and knocked out his opponent. He has greatly improved since the Inter-Services, and has nearly learnt to box with judgment and not to fly bald-headed at his man.

Result.—5th Fusiliers, 18 pts.; Sherwood Foresters, 15 pts.

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We now fight the 1st Bn. D.L.I. at Belfort, on Wednesday, 23rd February, in the Final.

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About lunch-time on Monday, 14th February, we received a telegram from Mr. Beckwith, wishing the team the best of luck. This inspired us tremendously.

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But at tea-time on the same date we received good wishes from every Company in the Battalion at five minutes' intervals! We were thrilled, and the Foresters began to think we were taking the show seriously!

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We rather doubt the good intentions of "X" Company, who added after their good wishes the criptic message:—

"Wish we were there."

This, we on the spot, thought a trifle tactless.

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All the team were delighted to receive these wires, as it showed us we were expected to win, and encouraged us to do so.

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After the battle against the Foresters was over, the teams went off to celebrate, and the Officers all foregathered at the Mess, where a perfect beano awaited us. Two dozen oysters and unlimited stout per pugilist, and one dozen oysters, etc., per non-combatant was provided. So we won again. We all spent a very cheery week-end with the Foresters, and on behalf of the Battalion Boxing Team as a whole I would like to take this opportunity of thanking them and hope we shall soon be able to return their hospitality.

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Result of Final against 1st Bn. D.L.I. at Belfast was:—5th Fusiliers, 17 pts.; D.L.I., 16 pts.

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The FIFTH thus win Cup for second year in succession.

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Notes of Final will appear next month.

CROSS-COUNTRY RUNNING.

Having been postponed once on account of heavy rain, the Battalion Individual Cross-Country Run took place on Friday, 25th February, in a perfect downpour. By the end of the afternoon the spectators, in their sodden clothes, looked much more miserable than the runners. The course of six miles over sandhills and beach was very heavy going. There were a large number of starters, and the seventy who finished thoroughly deserved the congratulations they received from Col. Herbert, who gave away the prizes.

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We hope the first fifteen, who will comprise the Battalion team, will cover the N.I.D. course in the Command Championship equally well next Wednesday.

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Result.—1, Fus. Latimer, "Z" Coy.; 2, Cpl. Ross, "Z" Coy.; 3, Lce.-Cpl. Jarmain, "Y" Coy.

HUNTING.

Our stabling has had to be increased during the last month, and Copp, our "Master of the Horse," has now seventeen horses under his charge, quite apart from the establishment of chargers and transport animals presided over by Sgt. Humphreys.

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During the past month scent with the East Down Harriers has been indifferent, and perhaps our best day was from Ringawoody, which is about 11 miles from here.

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Up to date we have not had a meet at Ballykinlar Camp, but we hope that hounds are meeting at the Mess on the 7th of March. Though hares abound in the neighbourhood of Bally-

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kinlar, the country is chiefly unrideable bog, which is very much wired, and consequently hounds will have to go two or three miles to draw.

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The Regimental Race for Brig.-General Yatman's Cup is taking place on the 26th of March, by kind permission of the Committee of the East Down Harriers, when we hope that there will be a goodly field. Owing to hunting with harriers in a country which is mainly composed of small fields, it is difficult to accurately gauge a horse's form as to whether it can gallop and stay; consequently opinions as to who will win the race are somewhat divided. The East Down Country is very "trappy," and a sure jumper stands as good a chance as a horse that can gallop. In fact, "quot homines tot sententiae." The horses are all in fine fettle, and there is certainly much truth in the old Arab proverb, "The eye of the master maketh the horse fat."

SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

February, 1927.

During the month two of our members have left us, viz., "Paddy Byrnes" to civil life and a well-earned pension, and Sgt. Baker, whom the fates have called to service with the 2nd Battalion in India.

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To them both we tender our heartiest good wishes for success and prosperity.

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Although the former has left the Service he has obtained employment as Assistant Electrician to the Forces of the Crown stationed at Ballykinlar.

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This has its advantages, as it eliminates the possibility of Paddy becoming one of H.M.'s DOLE-ful subjects, and ensures that he will not have to answer the roll-call of some autocratic member at the DOLE-dispersing bureau.

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It may also enable us to "lighten our darkness" particularly in the hours before the rising sun doth shine, thereby making the early morning shave a pleasure instead of a work of art.

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And last, but not least, he will still be available for service with the "Poker Dice" team, of which he was a leading member. Shake!! Paddy.

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To mark the esteem in which he was held by his fellow-members, he was made the recipient of a useful memento at our weekly function held on Saturday, the 5th inst.

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The presentation was made by the R.S.M., who, in a short speech, conveyed the regrets of the members at losing Paddy from the active list, and their good wishes for success in his new life amidst therms and other things electric.

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Paddy suitably responded and reminded us that in him was vested the power of making life in this desolate spot bright or dull, according to his inclinations.

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Behold! Paddy in all his radiant greatness and glory, and forget not the "sallaams" that are the dues of this potentate of light.

Sgt. Baker (and family) has left for India to join the 2nd Battalion.

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His loss will be felt chiefly in the Battalion hockey team, of which he was a mountain of support in the defence; and in the Mess billiard team, of which he was also a foremost figure.

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Whilst deploring our loss we congratulate the 2nd Battalion on their good fortune in securing this very useful member free of charge during these days of excessive transfer fees.

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It was only our high sense of *esprit de corps*, coupled with the decree of the fates, that enabled this transfer to be effected free gratis.

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May his period of service with the 2nd Battalion be as happy as that which he has concluded with this Battalion.

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On the 12th inst. the members showed in tangible form their appreciation of his services by presenting, *via* the R.S.M., a memento to remind him of happy days with the 1st Battalion.

SERGT. HOBBS WITH THE BATTALION SHOOTING CUP AND SERGEANTS' BILLIARD CUP WHICH HE WON 1925 AND 1926.

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A "Flying Billiard Tournament" has been concluded during the month. The game was 25 up.

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It fell to the lot of the R.S.M. to tackle in the final that great exponent of the game—Sgt. Hobbs.

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After many "bursts" and "stoppages," the R.S.M. was eventually "put out of action."

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It is understood that in view of future tournaments of this kind the R.S.M. is diligently studying the Morse Code.

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By mastering this system of signalling he hopes to ensure "receiving" all "calls" from the "sets."

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It was really owing to a faulty receiving apparatus that at one period he failed to beat Hobbs and "burst" instead.

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Our congratulations are extended to Harry on his success.

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We also congratulate the same member on his wonderful achievement of winning both the Billiards Cup and the Battalion Shooting Cup two years in succession.

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May he perform the "hat trick" this year with either or both.

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Owing to a clerical error, the result of the Billiards Cup Final showed Sgt. Hobbs as defeating R.Q.M.S. Ambury by 70 pts.

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This should have read 127 points. Apologies to Harry for belittling his achievement.

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A photo of Sgt. Hobbs with the Cups appears in this issue.

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At the present moment a Billiard Handicap is in progress, and betting is brisk as to the ultimate winner.

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One or two of the favourites have received their quietus.

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Below are the results, with handicaps and actual scores to date :—

HANDICAP.	NAMES.	ACTUAL SCORES.
60 S. ..	Mr. Craven beat	140
100 B. ..	R.S.M. Rowsell	265
30 S. ..	C.Q.M.S. Lewis beat ..	170
90 B. ..	Sgt. Clare	250
S. ..	Mr. Sutton beat	200
70 B. ..	Sgt. Locke	266
100 B. ..	C.Q.M.S. Lufford beat ..	300
50 B. ..	C.S.M. Ratliff	224
150 B. ..	Sgt. Hobbs beat	350
20 S. ..	Sgt. Gibbons	187
110 B. ..	Mr. Williams beat	310
80 B. ..	Sgt. Croft	202
60 S. ..	R.Q.M.S. Capstaff beat ..	140
80 S. ..	Sgt. Donovan	35
70 S. ..	C.S.M. Scally beat	130
110 B. ..	Sgt. Swain	294
30 S. ..	R.Q.M.S. Gale beat ..	200
10 S. ..	Sgt. Reardon..	158
90 B. ..	Sgt. Murphy beat	290
150 B. ..	Sgt. Wixon	290
50 S. ..	Bd.-Sgt. Chislett beat ..	150
110 B. ..	Mr. Flatcher	255

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Second Round.

30 S. ..	C.Q.M.S. Lewis beat ..	170
90 B. ..	Sgt. Murphy	229
	Mr. Sutton beat	200
150 B. ..	Sgt. Hobbs	319
70 S. ..		
S. ..		

Byes.—Mr. Williams, Mr. Craven, C.Q.M.S. Ludford, R.Q.M.S. Gale, R.Q.M.S. Capstaff.

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We congratulate "Staker" on his plucky fight, and wish him better luck next time.

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We shudder to think what might have happened had special privileges not been accorded to this "mighty atom." (Please see sketch.)

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It is suggested that in future handicaps the opponent of "Staker" be armed with a Regimental cane in lieu of a billiard cue.

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Arrangements have been made for "Stilts" to be available for "Staker."

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It is noticed that several of our unsuspected athletic members are taking up Rugby.

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Two of them appeared in full regalia the other day to demonstrate how scrum halves should play.

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I am asked to state that either of these past-masters of rugged rugger game are open to receive pupils for courses at moderate fees.

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Intending pupils are requested to see that their insurance policies are in order before commencing the course.

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One competitor in the Billiards Handicap has adopted the slogan, "Win," "Lose," or "Draw."

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This reminds one of the days of Jack Johnson, and other pugilists, who were guaranteed a certain cash amount for a championship fight, no matter what was the result of the fight.

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But actually it is only this competitor's polite way of notifying opponents that, in accordance with the principals of his society, he must embrace all possible and probable prospects of adding to his gains.

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In other words, should his opponent in a weak moment leave his ball hovering over a pocket the competitor in question must "shop" him, otherwise it may be "dead loss."

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It is to be regretted that the clutching hand cannot withstand the temptation, but by way of explanation it is only fair to state that the delinquent is a Quartermaster-Sergeant.

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One of our most ardent shots has gone on leave, seeking pastures (and bogs) new to conquer.

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Up to now no reports have been received as to the extent of the bag, or bags, although there is a rumour that he has adopted "Oxfords."

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No doubt these "bags" will provide alternative accommodation for excessive bagging of duck, etc., etc.

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Investigations are proceeding with a view to verifying the report that this diligent sportsman was caught on a bog surrounded by duck and firing—" Very Lights."

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Also why he was found " creeping " behind a wall on another occasion.

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He surely could not have been practising the individual stalk, hoping to eventually kill with the bayonet, and so end a series of returns endorsed " Empty bags."

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The usual Wednesday night Whist Drives are still running very successfully ; the winners for this month are :—

		LADIES.	GENTLEMEN.
2nd inst.	1,	Mrs. Rowsell.	1, C.Q.M.S. Ludford.
	2,	Mrs. Ludford.	2, Sgt. Baker.
9th inst.	1,	Mrs. Ludford.	1, C.S.M. Ratliff.
	2,	Mrs. Williams.	2, Sgt. Baker.
16th inst.	1,	Miss Cavill.	1, Mr. Williams.
	2,	Mrs. Kelly.	2, R.Q.M.S. Gale.
23rd inst.	1,	Mrs. Danaford.	1, Mr. Sutton.
	2,	Miss Edmondson.	2, R.Q.M.S. Gale.

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Congratulations to the winners.

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Intending visitors to the St. George's Ball are reminded that this function will take place on 25th April.

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On the 26th instant, about 20 members are advancing on Belfast to see the International Soccer Match between Scotland and Ireland.

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Gan on Hughie ! !

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Sgt. Finnemore is at present at the Small Arms School at Hythe. No doubt when he returns we shall know all about " Where it is " and " Points, B.D.A.," etc., etc.

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Not content with having steaks daily, Staker has committed the unpardonable offence of collecting the stakes two consecutive weeks.

" PACKY."

CORPORALS' CLUB NOTES.

February, 1927.

Owing to the memories possessed by our sub-writers (during the absence of our writer on leave), we were " shut out " last month. Readers will be pleased to note that we intend to be " right there " this month.

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A Farewell Dance was held on the 2nd February, 1927, for the members of the fold who are proceeding to India.

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Dancing continued from 8 p.m. until 2 a.m., and our guests danced to the excellent music supplied by the Regimental " Jazz Band."

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Cpl. Smart " blossomed out " as an expert caterer, and fed the multitude on five loaves and two fishes and had an overflow.

The " Feed Bills " only amounted to half their usual magnitude, and the " fold " have the highest praises to offer to this benign Scotsman.

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We take this opportunity in wishing Corporal and Mrs. Murphy a safe voyage East, and all the joys of life in their new Battalion.

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We also wish the " best " to Lance-Corporals Linfoot, Watson, Franks, Laverty, Middleton and Elliott in their voyage and in their life in the 2nd Battalion.

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Another Billiard Handicap has drawn to its close, and Cpls. Obey and Smart figured in an exciting final. Cpl. Smart appeared to tire towards the end, and Cpl. Obey, playing a strong game, eventually ran to his points, winning by 40 points.

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Readers should note that this is another Smart—this one having only just come of age, and now struts about with " two legs."

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We are very proud of our Smarts, and we have yet another one, but he is only a young Smart, and the more mature Smarts have nothing in common with the young Smart.

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The Carrickfergus Guard has been relieved by " W " Company, and the " Rummy King " has returned to the fold assuming all his old glory.

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During the past leave season we have had many changes, but he of the " Morganic strain " remains for ever " rummying " warming his red nose on the ever " Red " stove.

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" Some may come, and some may go,
But I stay here for ever."

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Our " Fighting King " is now at Carrickfergus. Members of the Guard will surely feel a sense of assurance with a real fire-fighter in their midst. Perhaps in leisure hours he will entertain them with interesting lectures of his experiences in the " South Sea Islands."

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Cpl. Purcell has returned to the fold, and from the elevated lift of his brow he must have learned a " thing " or two at Kneller Hall.

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We welcome Cpl. Green, who has joined us from the 2nd Battalion, and the loss to one battalion is to the gain of the other, for he is a real " Geordie " and a native of the famous " Bottle Bank."

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Congratulations are extended to Cpl. Hackett and Lce.-Cpls. Magee and Johnson on the occasions of their respective marriages. We take this opportunity of welcoming their good wives within the fold and hope to have their presence at future functions.

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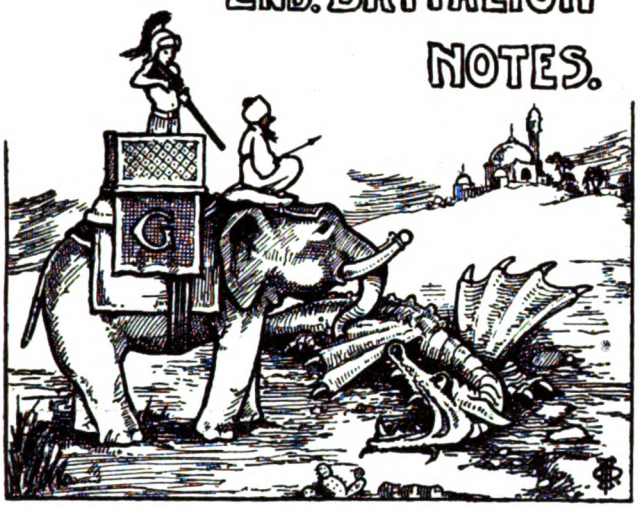
2ND. BATTALION NOTES.



NOWSHERA,

January, 1927.

The Battalion has just arrived back from Manki camp, and leave within a few hours for the Brigade camp at Rustum, so it is hoped that these notes will not be too severely criticised.

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Christmas passed quietly, with the usual Sergeants', Corporals' and Company dances. We miss the Fyzabad Theatre, as the accommodation for dances at Nowshera leaves a good deal to be desired.

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The usual Officers *v.* Sergeants' football match took place on Boxing Day, and resulted in a win for the Sergeants by 4—1, one of the winning goals being neatly fisted in by Sgt. A——.

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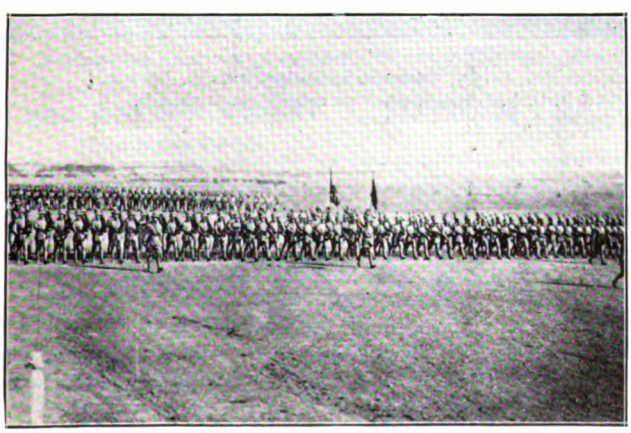
The Battalion camp at Manki was rather a rude and rough affair after our spacious camps of recent years: the only un-



1ST JANUARY, PARADE.
2ND BN. 5TH FUSILIERS MARCHING PAST.

limited thing about it was the Training Area. The Band usually took their accustomed place as enemy and scored a considerable success, especially in the night attack on the "village," where their "chowkidars' chorus" was answered by the real article from the adjacent village. On the last days' scheme we were assisted by some real Pathans, kindly lent by the 11/12th Frontier Force Regt. (Territorials). The method of these men, some who were actually fighting against us only recently, were rather an eye-opener to most of us.

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Except for theft of some useful but necessary articles from the camp outskirts, we passed a peaceful time unmolested by local thieves, in spite of dark rumours circulated from time to time by the two C.I.D. agents told off to watch for suspicious characters.

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We hope to return from Brigade camp at the end of the month, and in February there is to be a week's Inter-Brigade manœuvres.

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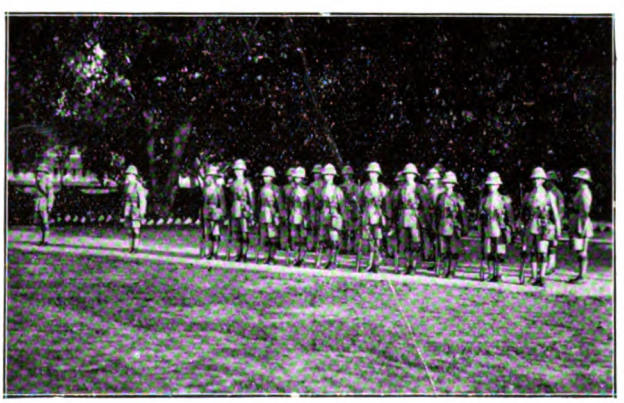
Christmas cards and greetings were received from the following:—1st Bn., 6th Bn., Major-Gen. Sir P. S. Wilkinson, Major and Mrs. Ovans, Capt. Attwater, Col. and Mrs. A. Girdwood, Major Garnier, Major R. Auld, Sir N. and Lady Bolton,



THE LAST GUARD AT FYZABAD.

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PESHAWAR DISTRICT HOCKEY TOURNAMENT.

On the 1st January we played our first round in the above tournament, the 11th Pack Battery R.A. being our opponents,

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A rather one-sided game in which our team were not fully extended, ended in a win for us by 5 to 1.

The improvement at back was the chief feature of the game, and it is to be hoped that this improvement will manifest itself in all future matches.

The forwards played a fast game, but are still slow to take the opportunities in the circle and shoot without hesitation. A further weak point, so often is the case, is failure to turn corners to account.

The team were as follows :—

Fus. Williams.
Sgt. Parkin. Lce.-Cpl. Lacey.
Lce.-Cpl. Horner. Sgt. Bowker. Lce.-Cpl. Burke.
Fus. Allen. Capt. Cooper. Fus. Allen. Lce.-Cpl. Jack.
Cpl. Holdsworth.

Mess stormed the position early in the evening, and carried a glass-defended area without much opposition. "Old Bill," with attendant assassins, handed out the glad tidings unceasingly, steps wonderful and weird were witnessed in the ball-room, and, to sum up, as one of the distinguished visitors remarked afterwards, "It was two of the best shows he had ever shut one eye on."

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Next day, to misquote the melancholy Jaques, "we looked upon it with lack-lustre eye, and said very vaguely, 'Is it ten o'clock?'"

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Over all the jollification hovered the spectre of Camp. Without doubt the subject will be dealt with adequately elsewhere. Manki is now an accomplished fact. There remain Rustam and

Standing—Left to Right—Cpl. Punton, Fuslrs. Oakes, Carter, Mellis, Whitelock, Catterick, Murphy, Price, Cpl. Leatherland and Fus. Johnston.
Sitting—Left to Right—Fuslrs. Cain, Wright, Capt. C. Chipper, M.C., 2nd/Lt K. O. N. Foster, C.S.M. Moon and A/Dmr. Stephenson.
Front—Fus. Coyle and Fus. Clark.

IRRESPONSIBLE RHYMNS—No. 2.

You'd hardly look for portraits of our Colonel
In patient Izaak's fascinating journal.
Yet, should his eye some likely water halt on,
You'd find his mind a True Extract from Walton.

CORPORALS' CLUB NOTES.

NOWSHERA,
13th January, 1927.

As confidently predicted in our last notes, the Festive Season has come and gone, all the empty bottles have been disposed of, new resolutions made and broken, and so the world wags.

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On the night of 27th December the opposing factions settled their differences, and the Corporals' Dance was held. It was, of course, an immense success. A strong force from the Officers'

Shamashattu. Life always has its humour, without a doubt, but sometimes, like Truth, it lies buried very deep in the cold, hard ground.

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In Barracks various things have happened. A billiard-table has made its appearance, to the great delight of the Corporals' hockey team. To make room for it those who preferred beer to tea had to remove to a condemned cell close to the lair of the P.R.I.

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An issue of fur-lined coats, a supply of mediæval rushes for the floor, and a manual of "manners in trying circumstances" would be welcomed by the aforesaid bibulous members.

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Just before Christmas one of those dread inflictions emanated from Battalion Headquarters known as a "Promotion Examination."

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Most of the letters of the alphabet were collected one way or another by members competing, which speaks well for the diverse knowledge displayed. Some ingenuity was required to circumvent the wiles of the examiners, as for instance, "If a man of 17 years' service on night operations in the vicinity of Manki asks his Platoon-Sergeant whether a ration of ice-cream cannot be sanctioned as a 'comfort for troops,' what is the correct procedure?" The answer is, of course, "Use Tact."

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This month we lose a number of prominent members who are leaving for England, Home, and the Reserve. Whilst wishing them the best of good fortune in their new avocations, we hope that the last has not been heard of them. A letter from an ex-member giving his experiences and impressions in "Civvie Street" would be tremendously appreciated. And so rare as to be almost a curiosity. I hope that the Editor will not resent this tentative suggestion as an encroachment on his just prerogatives.

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Although "coaled," we are still cold, and the latest cliche is:

SNAP OF THE INTER-COMPANY BOXING.

"Come to the M.I. pub and have a spot of gargle, old horse."

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Heard West of the Gym., "Why is the day after Christmas called Boxing Day?" Reply: "We know, but we shan't tell you!"

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One way or another, everyone is extraordinarily busy. 'Tis matter for wonder that notes ever get written at all. Which may be taken for an apology for the fatuity of this effort, or not, as pleases the reader, if any.

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And so, to a New Year's endeavours.

DEPÔT NOTES.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE,
23rd February, 1927.

For the last two years or more nearly all our energies have been spent on turning out squad after squad of recruits, and assisting the Territorial Battalions now and then. Under the influence of the magic word "liaison" we made coy, but perfectly maidenly, advances to this or that Battalion, and then waited, blushing and with downcast eyes, for things to happen. But men are *so* stupid!

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However, emboldened doubtless by the approach of Spring, Lt.-Col. W. Anderson, D.S.O., M.C., Commanding the 5th Battalion, asked us to spend a Sunday with him and his Officers and N.C.O.'s out in the country. We aired what graces we possess, and though rather flattering, he was most awfully kind.

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The burning question is, Will the other boys now start taking us out?

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We welcome Miss Bennett and congratulate her on being born into the best possible of Regiments, and, incidentally, worlds.

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Mr. Sanderson and Mr. Simpson, of the 7th Battalion, have been with us for a month on a course, and Sir Carnaby Haggerston, Supplementary Reserve, after a month here is off to the 1st Battalion for an attachment of two months.

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It was with great regret that we said good-bye to Major K. Greville Williams, O.B.E., on his retirement. We wish both him and Mrs. Williams the best of good luck in the future.

4TH (T.A.) BATTALION NOTES.

NEWBURN-ON-TYNE,
24th February, 1927.

The results of the Northumberland Rifle Association Territorial Miniature Range Team Championship have just come to hand.

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We fired this Competition under the supervision of Capt. A. Carlyle, of the 5th Battalion.

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Although the first Competition on the Landscape Target proved somewhat of a fiasco, we can console ourselves with the thought that in the second Competition we achieved a very creditable score. We hope to do better next year.

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Results of Competition II. are appended:—

MINIATURE RANGE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP OF NORTHUMBERLAND.

		Points.
1	City of Newcastle Rifle Club (Winners of the "Chipchase" Miniature Range Challenge Cup given by Thomas Taylor, Esq., also 8 small bronze medals given by Major W. E. Stephenson)	638
2	Tyne Electrical Engineers, R.E.	618
3	Northumberland Hussars, "A" Squadron ..	599
4	4th Bn. North'd. Fusiliers (Newburn Team) ..	598
5	6th Bn. North'd. Fusiliers	520

(Ten teams returned scores.)

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Winter Training, consisting of Specialist and Section Leaders' Classes, is progressing well, and attendances are fair, though not as good as we had hoped.

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At Newburn we are indebted to the O.C. Depôt, who has kindly lent us two very capable Instructors in Lce.-Sgt. Brown and Lce.-Sgt. Forrester.

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SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

The undermentioned is the result of the games :—

5TH BN. NORTH'D. FUS. *v.* 4TH BN. NORTH'D. FUS.

MINIATURE SHOOT.

Clr.-Sgt. W. Cameron	78
C.Q.M.S. T. Brown	74
C.Q.M.S. G. Sparrow	70
C.S.M. J. Murray	70
C.S.M. E. Mower	69
	361

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BILLIARDS.

Sgt. J. Rollingson	46
Sgt. S. Veitch	100
Sgt. J. McHugh	100
C.S.M. L. Stuart	100
	346

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WHIST.

C.S.M. E. Mower Sgt. T. Stamp	Won 3—2	Won 6—4
C.Q.M.S. T. Brown Lce.-Sgt. J. McHugh	Won 3—2	

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4TH BN. NORTH'D. FUS. *v.* 293RD BATTERY R.A.

MINIATURE SHOOT.

C.S.M. E. Mower	77
Clr.-Sgt. Cameron	77
C.Q.M.S. G. Sparrow	76
C.Q.M.S. T. Brown	74
Sgt. Brown	74
	378

Lost by 7 points. 293rd Bty. R.A., 385 points.

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BILLIARDS.

R.S.M. C. Clarke	100
Lce.-Sgt. J. McHugh	100
Sgt. S. Veitch	100
Clr.-Sgt. W. Cameron	71
	371

Won by 40 points. 293rd Bty. R.A., 231 points.

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WHIST.

Sgt. P. Downie Sgt. R. Brown	Won 3—2	Draw
Sgt. Veitch C.Q.M.S. McIvor	Lost 3—2	

233RD COY. R.E.'S *v.* 4TH BN. NORTH'D. FUS.

MINIATURE SHOOT.

C.S.M. E. Mower	78
C.Q.M.S. G. Sparrow	75
C.Q.M.S. T. Brown	70
Sgt. R. Brown	68
Clr.-Sgt. W. Cameron	74
	365

Won by 8 points. 233rd Coy. R.E., 357.

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BILLIARDS.

R.S.M. S. C. Clarke	100
C.S.M. W. Wodehouse	67
Sgt. S. Veitch	100
Lce.-Sgt. J. McHugh	100
	367

Won by 2 points. 233rd Coy. R.E., 365 points.

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WHIST.

Sgt. S. Veitch Sgt. R. Cowan	Lost 3—2	Lost 7—3
R.S.M. S. C. Clarke Sgt. R. Brown	Lost 4—1	

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4TH BN. NORTH'D. FUSILIERS *v.* TYNE E.E.

MINIATURE SHOOT.

C.S.M. E. Mower	79
C.Q.M.S. T. Brown	75
Clr.-Sgt. W. Cameron	74
C.Q.M.S. W. Sparrow	70
Sgt. R. Cowan	69
	367

Lost by 20 points. Tyne E.E., 387 points.

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BILLIARDS.

C.S.M. L. Stuart	100
Sgt. S. Veitch	100
R.S.M. S. C. Clarke	100
Lce.-Sgt. J. McHugh	100
	400

Won by 113 points. Tyne E.E., 287 points.

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WHIST.

C.S.M. L. Stuart Sgt. R. Elliott	Lost 3—2	Lost 6—4
Sgt. S. Veitch Sgt. Cowans	Lost 3—2	

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5TH (T.A.) BATTALION NOTES.

WALKER-ON-TYNE,
February, 1927.

There is a certain amount of military bustle to be observed in the neighbourhoods of Walker and Wallsend on at least two nights in the week. Curious onlookers may note Officers and Other Ranks in uniform approaching and entering the Drill Halls, both in cars and on feet; bulky maps being carted into motor cars at Walker, disappearing for a time, then returning later and being re-carted back into the Drill Hall. Should these curious onlookers become more curious and glue their ears beneath certain windows, they will hear a low hum of voices and will be struck by the fact, should they be sufficiently intelligent, that noises from Drill Halls are generally of a harsh, commanding nature. Those who are so struck will then ruminate and make desperate efforts to glue the ear even more fastly to the walls beneath the windows, when their patience and perseverance may possibly be rewarded, according to the strength of their "receiving sets," by such words as "convoy," "rear-guard," "flank-guard," "pass that pin," "three miles per hour," "horse-drawn," etc. He will then, if he be of a "Sherlockian intelligence," deduce that either the affair has some connection with the Chinese situation or is a meeting of the inventors of a new cross-word puzzle game; but in either case his deductions would be wrong. A small prize may perhaps be given to the reader who first sends in a correct solution, but this reader must not be a serving member of the Battalion.

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On the 29th/30th January, a tactical exercise was held at Hexham, but unfortunately the heavy snow fall on the Friday night forbade any movement outside the hotel, so as much work as possible was done off the map indoors. Dancing took place on the Saturday night, and Officers were seen using their initiative in carrying out "cutting-out" operations followed by consolidation against any counter-attacks that the outraged "enemy" might contemplate. (The "enemy" being represented by a few married and single men.) On the Sunday we proceeded outside and got through the greater part of the questions we were unable to carry out indoors.

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We were very pleased to have Major R. M. Graham, M.C., of the 72nd Brigade, R.F.A., and Major H. Shield, M.C., of the R.A.M.C. (T.A.) on the exercise, who gave us valuable information about their respective arms during the day and enlivened us in other directions during the evening. In fact, a perfect liaison was effected.

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Our Brigade Commander came to see us during the course of Sunday's work.

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On the 12th/13th February, a very successful week-end camp was held at Ponteland for Officers, W.O.'s, N.C.O.'s and selected Fusiliers. Conferences were held on the Saturday, and on Sunday the Training Cadre from the Depôt came out and gave us some very excellent demonstrations. We are more than thankful to them and fully appreciate that they give up a hard-earned Sabbath rest to teach us something. In spite of a bitterly cold 24 hours, everyone seemed glad that they had turned out—97 all ranks turned out, which figure speaks for itself. We propose to hold a similar camp on the 19th/20th March,

Sixteen N.C.O.'s are at present on a week's rifle course at the Depôt: this is 8 more than we sent on a similar course last year, so things are looking up.

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The Officers' Mess is still in a state of chaos, but out of this chaos will spring a new ante-room, new servery, new furniture, a new library, and so on.

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The Sergeants held successful Dances at Walker and Wallsend during the last month, and there is a Battalion Dance at Walker on the 25th February.

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Our old friends the "Jesmond Jesters" have very kindly consented to give a "show" at the Walker Drill Hall on the 2nd March, in aid of funds for the Sergeants' Mess furniture, etc. We take this opportunity of thanking them in advance and of assuring them that we not only appreciate their turning out on the 2nd March, but that we fully realise that it means not only one night but many nights' rehearsal beforehand.

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Some of us are very pleased to see that our wives have been roped in to make curtains for the Officers' Mess; whether the work exceeds the talk at these sewing meetings matters not as long as the curtains are completed, and it is an extraordinary thing to a skilled onlooker how much work the fair sex can put in and talk at the same time. Perhaps it is that their fingers move more quickly automatically if they are thinking and talking about something else; but perhaps nobody really knows. As a skilled observer of many years' experience, the writer has certainly noticed that in some cases the fingers move more slowly when the operator is silent. This may be one of two things:—

(1) That if they talk and get animated, their fingers absorb some of this animation and automatically move quicker.

(2) That if they are silent their thoughts are concerned with much deeper subjects than they usually talk about, which entails the use of a much greater amount of energy of the non-animative kind which causes the fingers to move slower through the brain absorbing the requisite energy necessary to move the said fingers more or less automatically.

The subject is a very involved one, and as many great writers have fallen foul of it, far be it from the present writer to do likewise where greater have failed.

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There are horrible rumours regarding the possible "cuts" in the Territorial Army on account of the financial question, but we hope and trust that the powers-that-be will do as little as possible to reduce the voluntary national insurance, the cheapest insurance in the world. These "cuts" are apt to be discouraging to volunteers. Taking the tree as a simile, it is one of the cases in which if you lop the branch of the tree the tree may die.

6TH (T.A.) BATTALION NOTES.

ST. GEORGE'S DRILL HALL,
NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE,
24th February, 1927.

Training during the past month has proceeded briskly, and at the moment we have 35 N.C.O.'s and Men undergoing a month's course at the Depôt.

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A musketry refresher course for Officers, Warrant Officers and Sergeants of "A," "B" and "C" Coys., has also been held under the Adjutant.

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Congratulations to Messrs. France, Field, Gardner and Gillespie on being gazetted Lieutenants.

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The annual boxing tournament against the Tyne R.N.V.R. is to be held on the 26th February, and an account will appear in your next issue.

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The Warrant Officers and Sergeants are holding their Annual Dinner on the 19th March, 1927, at the Crown Hotel, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

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There has been some flutter over the latest announcement from the War Office, on grounds of economy, that the establishment of Territorial battalions is to be cut down to 500 all ranks and that the bounty is to cease. We understand strong protest is being made by the local Territorial Association in regard to this, and whether the scheme will go through, and what effect it will have on recruiting, remains to be seen; but this continual changing and chopping is irritating, to say the least of it, and tries the really wonderful *esprit-de-corps* of the Territorial Army very much.

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Congratulations to our Second-in-Command on his decision to enter the realms of married bliss. His engagement has just been announced, and has created quite a flutter in the local dovecote. It now only remains for O.C. "A" Coy. to "go and do likewise" and retrieve the only blemish on his escutcheon.

SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

February, 1927.

Since our last contribution we have taken part in several matches under N. and D. auspices. Below we give the results in brief:—

Shooting.

6th North'd. Fus. (388) *v.* 232rd Coy. R.E.'s (375).
6th North'd. Fus. (385) *v.* 295th Coy. R.A. (397).
6th North'd. Fus. *v.* 5th North'd. Fus.
6th North'd. Fus. *v.* 9th D.L.I.

Billiards.

6th North'd. Fus. (387) *v.* 232rd Coy. R.E.'s (279).
6th North'd. Fus. (350) *v.* 295th Coy. R.A. (261).
6th North'd. Fus. *v.* 5th North'd. Fus.
6th North'd. Fus. *v.* 9th D.L.I.

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The match of the season took place on the 11th February, as the result of a challenge sent in by our ex-serving members, the "Bow and Arrow" men, as they call themselves. Needless to say, the challenge was promptly accepted. It was a great struggle from start to finish. The scores were as under:—

	Shooting.	Billiards.	Whist
Serving members	379	344	7 pts.
Ex-Serving members ..	376	315	4 ,,
	3	29	3

As the serving members won all events, they are "Champions" for 1927.

Mrs. Cable entertained the wives and children of the members to tea and a concert, in the Hall, at the end of January. The concert party after tea was very good, and the singing and dancing competitions with the children were enjoyed by everyone. Mrs. Cable never forgets those who belong to us. She has the heartiest wishes of us all for good health, happiness and prosperity. She deserves it.

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When the Grocers' Exhibition finished, a gentleman on the Exhibition staff, who had attended the Mess, presented us with some very realistic-looking pies, all shapes and sizes, but were filled with sawdust. They provided us with great sport.

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One member took one home and warmed it up for supper.

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MODIFIED POETRY No. 2.

It looked so apetising,
With a lovely nut-brown crust.
His look was agonising
When he found inside sawdust.

One's name was Tim, the other Don;
Both thought the pies were real, *tres bon.*
Don claimed the job to dish it out,
With that intention set about.

Like a card manipulator
He cut it into four;
Tho' he is no agitator,
The devil, how he swore.

Tim thrust his knife beneath the paste,
He smacked his lips and took a taste;
We roared with glee at his disgust.
He bought, we sold it, mere sawdust.

With many sighs, caused thro' those pies,
We are saving ammunition.
Get no surprise if someone dies
Next "Grocers' Exhibition."

7TH BATTALION NOTES.

ALNWICK,
February, 1927.

BREVET-COLONEL NICHOLAS IRWIN WRIGHT, D.S.O.

It is with feelings of the greatest regret that we have to record this month the retirement, which occurred on the 16th February, of Colonel N. I. Wright, D.S.O., on completion of his term of seven years in command of the 7th Battalion.

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In a case like this it is a matter of great difficulty to do justice, but we will endeavour to give a brief outline of Colonel Wright's career in the Regiment.

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He was gazetted 2nd-Lieutenant and posted to the old 1st Volunteer Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers at Morpeth, in the year 1898, and two years later, as a Lieutenant, he was attached to the 1st Battalion in South Africa. He served there for the next two years, sharing their vicissitudes until the end of the campaign, returning to Morpeth with the Service Detach-

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ment, having gained the Queen's South African Medal, with five clasps.

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He retired from the Volunteers in 1905, and it was not until the call of 1914 that he actually came to the Seventh.

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In August, 1914, he joined the 7th Battalion, then in training at Gosforth Park, and was posted to Command "G" (Berwick) Company, with the rank of Captain. Immediately he endeared himself to all ranks, and a very short time found him one of the most popular and highly respected Officers in the Battalion. As one young Subaltern then aptly put it: "There are two things about Wright which are bound to command respect—grey hairs, and a South African Medal." Despite the former, however, he was by no means an old man—just getting into his prime in fact; but the latter bespoke more than the ordinary experience in all things military—which experience he proved himself most adapt in imparting to others, a truly great attribute. In addition to campaigning knowledge, he soon showed that he had a very wide experience of men and affairs, so that instinctively one came to turn to him for advice on all sorts of subjects.

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Just prior to proceeding overseas, on 20th April, 1915, Capt. Wright was promoted Major.

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His first period of service in Flanders was to be short lived, however, for he was wounded in our second day's action—during the attack on St. Julien, on 26th April—and he was back in England before he had been out of it a week! It was a bad day for the 7th Battalion when such an experienced Officer was laid out, but fortunately his wound was not serious, and he was soon serving with the 3rd line (Reserve) Battalion, at Alnwick, and in September, 1915, he was drafted to the Battalion in France again, where he served as Second-in-Command until he left a year later.

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In his capacity as Second-in-Command, Major Wright was indefagitable in his tours of the trenches, seeing to the comfort of the troops. During the long winter months when the 149th Brigade held the wretched Hill 60 and Mount Sorrel Trenches, his unbounded cheerfulness and optimism were largely responsible for keeping up the morale of all ranks of the Unit. Later, when in front of Kemmel Hill—where the losses, particularly in Officers, were so dreadful—he maintained that spirit of good cheer when so many of us were inclined to see only the dark side.

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Shortly after we had moved down to the Somme area, in October, 1916, Major Wright was sent to command the 5th Battalion, being promoted Lieut.-Colonel, and while he was with that Battalion he successfully led it through the Somme battles, and later the actions at Arras, and then the awful carnage of Passchandaele—being mentioned in despatches, and later, in January, 1917, gaining the Distinguished Service Order.

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He commanded the 5th Battalion until early in March, 1918, when he was sent to the Headquarters of the 50th Division, and though he was really *en route* for another post, the great German Offensive of 21st March found him there, and with them he became embroiled in the battle, unfortunately receiving another wound early on—another "Blighty"—and this saw the end of his service overseas.

On discharge from Hospital, he did a Senior Officers' Course at Aldershot, and during that time the Armistice came, and shortly afterwards, in April, 1919, he was demobilised.

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Col. Wright wears the D.S.O., the Queen's South African Medal, the 1915 Star, the General Service and Victory Medals.

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We now come to the most important, though possibly a less spectacular, part of Colonel Wright's Military career.

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On the reconstruction of the Territorial Army in 1919, he was appointed to the Command of the 7th Battalion, with the rank of Lieut.-Colonel.

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All who know anything about the Territorial Army will

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BT.-COLONEL N. I. WRIGHT, D.S.O.
Commanding 7th Bn. Northumberland Fusiliers,
16th Feb., 1920, to 16th Feb., 1927.

realise that it was no sinecure to build up a new unit after the war, but Colonel Wright set himself to the task with a will, and soon had around him an excellent nucleus, into which he imbued his own energy, enthusiasm and customary optimism, with the result that very shortly he had the foundations of the new Seventh laid upon a truly sound basis. The fact that Wright was to command was sufficient to bring many a good man back to the Battalion. For few men indeed have the great knack of being so thoroughly loved and respected as our C.O.

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Hardly had Scarborough Camp passed, when, in April, 1921, the Coal Strike came along, with its "Defence Force." Colonel Wright was one of the first to answer the call, and as a result

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the vast bulk of his Battalion joined up, and ninety days of excellent training followed. But the "Defence Force," with its ultimate discharges and re-engagements, was by no means an unmixed blessing, and it says a lot for the Colonel that he was able to take a strong Battalion to Camp at Hartley in August of the same year.

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In passing we should mention that during the "Defence Force" period Col. Wright's son and heir was born. He already had three daughters.

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Each year saw changes in the personnel of the Battalion, but thanks to Col. Wright's leadership the same spirit prevails, and, like all his old war-time comrades of whatever rank, the present 7th Battalion would follow anywhere he cared to lead.

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He has always taken a great personal interest in his men, and this is one of the reasons for his success as a C.O. He has evinced particular interest in his "permanent staff," with the result that he has got better all-round work out of them than perhaps anyone else could. His generosity in presenting sporting prizes, Challenge Cups, and so forth, has helped to raise sport in the Unit to a high standard.

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Col. Wright has always dealt with his Officers on a basis of strict mutual trust and confidence. Having the absolute confidence of all those under his command, he showed that he in turn had confidence in them, and he allotted his tasks in such a way as to put one on one's mettle, and this trust has never been misplaced. It takes a big man to act thus, but Col. Wright has never wittingly been let down.

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In Mess he has been the life and soul of many a merry gathering, and his hearty and infectious gurgle of mirth there, as in many a tight corner during the war, was one of the signs that all's well with the world in general, and the 7th Battalion in particular.

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After his first extension in command, on 30th July, 1924, he was promoted to the rank of Brevet-Colonel.

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To command a Battalion like the 7th for seven years is an achievement to be proud of. Its scattered area, stretching from Berwick to Morpeth, makes it difficult to adminster, and a good attendance in camp is the goal to be aimed at, and it is a thousand pities that our camp last year was cancelled. We all wished to be able to show the Colonel once again that he had a Battalion second to none, and particularly during the final year of his service.

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Thus ends an honourable career, and none regret it more than those who have served under him. *Quo fata vocant.*

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We are glad to think that Col. Wright is retaining his seat on the County Association, and we know that he will follow the interests of the Territorial Army throughout the remainder of his life, with sympathy and understanding.

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Now that his soldiering days are ended, perhaps we may look forward to his taking an even greater interest in public affairs in Northumberland. Already he has a goodly number of public ties—amongst other things he is one of the Blyth Harbour Commissioners, a Church Warden, and President of the Morpeth Branch of the British Legion.

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We wish him all prosperity and happiness in his retirement, and can only hope that he will make opportunities to join in, as many of our future gatherings as possible, where he will be more than welcome.

Editorial Notes.

THE OLD MILL HOUSE,
PRESTON CROWMARSH,
NEAR WALLINGFORD,
February, 1927.

We are now in a position to supply Bound Volumes for the following years:—1890, 1891, 1895, 1896, 1897, 1899, 1901, 1921, 1922, 1923, 1924 and 1925. 10/- each.

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Subscriptions due in March:—

Mrs. Carr Ellison	Col. G. Reavell
Lieut. H. Hopper	Mr. J. Twigg
Major H. H. Prideaux, D.S.O., M.C.	Capt. W. H. Wynnsford

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The following *Gazettes* are at the Printers awaiting addresses, having been returned by the Post Office as undelivered owing to addresses being unknown:—

Mrs. Harcourt-Vernon	Miss M. Crisp
Mr. E. Cole	Capt. C. R. L. English
Mrs. J. Bird (2nd Bn.)	Mrs. Henry Kilgour
Major C. L. D. Forster	

WAR OFFICE,
11th February, 1927.

MILITARY HISTORY.

EXAMINATION OF OFFICERS FOR PROMOTION.

The following campaigns are those on which the Military History papers will be set, as from March, 1928, in the examinations of Lieutenants and Captains for promotion:—

Waterloo Campaign, for March 1928, October 1928, and March 1929 Examinations; Palestine Campaign, 1917–18 (from 28th June, 1917, to conclusion of operations, as covered by despatches dated 16th December, 1917, 18th September and 31st October, 1918, and 28th June, 1919), for October 1928, March 1929, and October 1929 Examinations; and Mesopotamia, 1916–17, for March 1928 Examination.

NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS OLD COMRADES' ASSOCIATION.

The fourth Annual General Meeting was held at Headquarters on Wednesday, 26th January. There were upwards of 60 Comrades present, including Col. D. Sapte, *Treasurer*; Lt.-Col. C. P. Hawkes, *Vice-President*; Major H. H. Prideux, D.S.O., M.C.; Major W. M. Allan, O.B.E.; Capt. J. T. Rowland.

At the conclusion a Smoking Concert was held, and the entertainment, furnished by the following artistes, was greatly appreciated:—Mr. Leslie Burrage, baritone; Miss Sybil Marsh, pianist and accompanist; Miss Kathleen Hayward, songs at the piano. Several of our members (Mr. B. H. Martin, Mr. Geo. Redhead, Mr. J. Western, Mr. W. Potter) also contributed to the harmony,

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The following is the 4th Annual Report of the Association :—

In spite of the difficulties and drawbacks occasioned by the strike and other economic hindrances, the Association has continued to make progress during the past year.

Membership.—The membership now numbers 74 Officers, 184 Other Ranks (including 14 honorary members), and 85 lady members (wives and relatives of past and present Fusiliers). All Officers and Other Ranks at present serving in any Battalion of the Regiment—Regular, Militia or Territorial—are now honorary members of the Association during their service, and when in or near London are invited to communicate with the Hon. Secretary in order to avail themselves of the arrangements made for their entertainment, etc. All N.C.O.'s and Men on the point of discharge from the 1st and 2nd Battalions and the Depôt are particularly invited to lose no time in applying for membership if on return to civil life they are likely to live in or near London. The Officers Commanding the Units concerned have intimated that this invitation has their unqualified support.

St. George's Day.—The usual parade of the Association took place on the Horse Guards Parade on Sunday, 25th April, when the members marched to the Cenotaph in Whitehall, where a wreath decorated with the Regimental Colours was deposited by Brigadier-General G. L. H. Armstrong, C.B.E. 200 members were on parade, including among the Officers, Col. M. W. Biddulph, who, to the regret of all his comrades, died some sixteen days afterwards.

The annual St. George's Day Ball was held in the evening of 23rd April, at the Headquarters of the 2nd County of London Regiment, in Tufton Street, Westminster. The ballroom was decorated with red and white roses, and about 350 members and their friends attended.

Re-Union Dinner.—The annual Re-Union Dinner took place on the night of 11th November (Armistice Day), at the Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate Street. Major-General Sir P. S. Wilkinson, K.C.M.G., C.B., Colonel of the Regiment and Patron of the Association, presided, and upwards of 160 members and guests attended.

Entertainments.—Dances and other social gatherings were organised throughout the year at The Veterans' Club.

Employment Section.—1926 was a hard year, and severely tested the efficiency of the employment section. Out of the 37 applicants, however, 21 received assistance and 16 other cases considered and advised.

Deaths.—Colonel M. W. Biddulph died on 10th May. The Association was represented at his funeral by Messrs. G. Redhead and W. (" Chips ") Harvey. Mr. W. Redman and Mr. C. Godfrey also died during the year, and in each case the Association sent a wreath and a Union Jack for use at the funeral.

Veterans' Club.—The gratitude of all ranks in the Association is due to the Officials, the Committee and the members of the Veterans' Club, and to Mr. W. Stone and the Staff at Hand Court, for the unfailing kindness and consideration shown by them and for the admirable arrangements made for the accommodation of members and guests at the various meetings and entertainments organised by the Association throughout the year.

Press.—Notification of the fixtures of the Association is now published regularly in the following publications :—*The People, The News of the World, The Monthly Army List, The Official Organ of the British Legion, The St. George's Gazette.*

C. P. HAWKES, Lt.-Col., *President.*
H. I. MORGAN, *Secretary.*

Arrangements for St. George's Day Celebrations, 1927, are already well advanced, and a rendezvous secured at the Headquarters, Corps of Signallers, T.A., 51, Calthorpe Street, W.C. 1. Further particulars will be published in due course.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 1926.

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.
To St. George's Day Expenses	22	19	7½
,, Annual Re-Union Dinner	13	4	5
,, Gifts to Chelsea Veterans (Tobacco)	1	12	0
,, Postages, Telephone, etc.	11	8	11½
,, General Meetings and Entertainments	14	10	5
,, Attache Case for Secretary	1	4	0
,, Presentation to Secretary	5	9	3
,, Printing and Typewriting, etc.	9	3	0
,, Cost of New Badges	10	16	0
,, Wreaths for deceased Comrades (3)	3	2	0
,, Petty Cash	5	12	7
	99	2	3
,, Balance being Excess of Income over Expenditure for year	4	1	5
	£103	3	8

INCOME.

	£	s.	d.
By Subscriptions, Officers	68	7	6
,, ,, Other Ranks	18	18	0
,, Special Grant from 3rd Battalion	11	1	5
,, Sale of Badges	4	13	0
,, Profit on Sale of Roses	0	3	9
	£103	3	8

BALANCE SHEET TO 31ST DECEMBER, 1926.

LIABILITIES.

	£	s.	d.
Due to Hon. Secretary	2	4	11
To Balance Credit of Fund	58	13	4
	£60	18	3

ASSETS.

	£	s.	d.
Cash at Bank	54	0	9
Stock of Badges	6	3	0
,, Roses	0	14	6
	£60	18	3

I certify that this account is in accordance with the Books and Vouchers of the Association.

D. SABIN BLAND,

24th February, 1927.

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A REGIMENTAL PAPER FOR THE "OLD AND BOLD."

"Quo fata vocant."

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THE EDITOR'S CORNER.

THE OLD MILL HOUSE,

PRESTON CROWMARSH,

NEAR WALLINGFORD,

31st March, 1927.

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Subscriptions are due in advance; intimation of those falling due during the month is published in Editorial Notes. Should a subscription not be paid within two months in the case of a subscriber at home, or three months in the case of a subscriber abroad, after such intimation, it will be assumed that no more copies of the paper are wanted. The name will then be taken off the books.

It is particularly requested that all contributions intended for insertion be sent so as to reach the Editor NOT LATER than the 25th of each month, in order to allow of punctual publication, and that contributions be written on ONE SIDE only of the paper.

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We beg to acknowledge, with many thanks, the receipt of copies of the following papers:—

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"The Hampshire Regimental Journal"
"The Planesman"
"The London Scottish Regimental Gazette"
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"The Snapper"
"The Wire"
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"The China Dragon"
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EXTRACTS from *The London Gazette*:—

COMMANDS AND STAFF.

Colonel A. C. Girdwood, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., to be Officer Commanding the Troops, Ceylon, in succession to Colonel H. W. Higginson, C.B., D.S.O., A.D.C. (dated September, 1927).

MEMORANDA.

Colonel C. M. A. Wood, C.M.G., D.S.O., on ceasing to be employed, is placed on half-pay (dated 12th March).

REGULAR BATTALIONS.

ROYAL TANK CORPS.

Lieut. W. H. Salt, late Lieut., North'd. Fus. (Spec. Res.), to be Lieutenant (dated 5th February), with seniority 4th October, 1924.

The following Lieutenants to be Captains (dated 14th February):—L. C. Thomas, M.C., and remains seed.; T. H. McClean, and remains seed.; J. O. Byrne, M.C., and remains seed.; K. A. Seth-Smith.

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REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

Major L. W. P. De Hochepied Larpent, O.B.E., having attained the age limit of liability to recall, ceases to belong to the Res. of Officers (dated 10th February).

Colonel J. A. C. Somerville, C.M.G., C.B.E., having attained the age limit of liability to recall, ceases to belong to the Res. of Officers (dated 26th March).

TERRITORIAL BATTALIONS.

6th Bn.—Lieut. C. B. Carrick, M.C., to be Captain (dated 15th December, 1926).

7th Bn.—B. Hair (late Cadet Cpl., Barnard Castle Sch. Contgt., Jun. Div., O.T.C.), to be 2nd-Lieutenant (dated 26th March).

TERRITORIAL ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

5th Bn.—Lieut. G. Ellis, from Active List, to be Lieutenant (dated 12th March).

Regimental Notes.

1ST BATTALION NOTES.

BALLYKINLAR,

March, 1927.

Two Inter-Unit Competitions have been decided in the last month, and a splendid victory in the N.I.D. Cross-Country Championship balances a defeat by the Durham Light Infantry in the final of the Football Cup. An account of the Cross-Country Run will be found elsewhere.

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We include in this number a photograph of the Regimental

Left to Right—Top Row—Cpl. Ross, L/Cpl. Naylor, L/Cpl. Stobbert, Cpl. Purcell, Cpl. Roper, Cpl. Hackett, L/Cpl. Turnbull.
Sitting—2/Lt. Stockley, Lt. Carr-Ellison, Col. W. N. Herbert, C.M.G., D.S.O., Lt. Yorke, 2/Lt. Laing.
Bottom Row—Fus. Holdsworth, L/Cpl. Stockton, Fus. Brown.

Boxing Team, whose victory in the N.I.D. Championship was reported last month.

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The match against the Durham Light Infantry requires little comment. Some two hundred and fifty spectators travelled to Windsor Park, Belfast, and saw their side defeated by a team which was superior in every department of the game. The Durham Light Infantry opened the scoring in the first ten minutes, and though we equalised through Lce.-Cpl. Taylor, they were leading at half-time by 2 goals to 1.

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A rally at the beginning of the second half seemed to promise something better, but it proved short-lived, and our opponents scored twice more. Only a really stout defence by Fus. Dogherty, supported by Lce.-Cpl. Stobbart, prevented a far larger score. The forwards were kept very much in subjection by the opposing half-backs; while our own half-backs were beaten time and again by the clever short passing of their forward line. The final score was:—1st Bn. The Durham Light Infantry 4 goals, 1st Bn. The Fifth Fusiliers 1 goal.

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The Rugger League is due to start the first week in April. "Z" Company have already played one match, losing to Downpatrick by 10 points to 3. A very creditable performance for an inexperienced team.

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The shooting season ended on 1st March. Some 450 head of game are recorded in the game book, of which 307 are snipe. There were notably fewer duck this year.

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The Battalion is at present providing a guard over the residence of His Grace the Governor of Northern Ireland, at Hillsborough.

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We welcome Sir Hugh C. de E. M. Carnaby-Haggerston, Bart., who is attached to the Battalion from the Supplementary Reserve.

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CROSS-COUNTRY RUNNING.

The Battalion Cross-Country Running Team are to be congratulated on winning the N.I.D. Championship, which took place on 2nd March, near Belfast. The course, about six miles, was very heavy owing to the rain. It was a good mixture of tow-path, road and fields separated by formidable fences and ditches, with a good deal of barbed wire. Our success was chiefly due to the energy shown by the team during their training under Cpl. Ross, and also to their good spirits and confidence before the race.

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Let us hope that further training will enable us to attempt greater things next year.

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Result:—

1,	1st Bn. 5th Fusiliers	231 points.
2,	1st Bn. Durham Light Infantry ..	266 ,,
3,	1st Bn. West Yorkshire Regt. ..	278 ,,
4,	1st Bn. Sherwood Foresters	428 ,,

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Fusilier Latimer is also to be congratulated on being the first man home and winning the individual prize.

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The Champion Company Run took place on 12th March over a stiff course of four and a half miles, which contained beach, bog, road, fields and fences. Twenty-five per Company counted, the scoring being by individual places, and not merely the first Company to get its twenty-fifth man home, as in previous years. It was very satisfactory to see that a large majority of the Battalion finished the course. Though "Z" Company had five men home out of the first six, the run was again won by "X" Coy., whom we congratulate on winning it for four years in succession.

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Result:—

1,	"X" Company	1063 points.
2,	"Z" Company	1179 ,,
3,	"Y" Company	1340 ,,
4,	"W" Company	1665 ,,

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Fus. Latimer did very well in the Army Championship at

Left to Right—Standing—Fus. Watson (reserve), Fus. Anderson, Fus. Johnson, Lt. G. H. Bolster, Fus. Jennings, Fus. Macklane, Fus. Ridley.
Sitting—L/Cpl. Ashton, L/Cpl. Jarmain, Fus. Latimer, Col. W. N. Herbert, C.M.G., D.S.O. Cpl. Ross, L/Cpl. Bellwood, Fus. Townley.
Bottom Row—L/Cpl. Robinson, Fus. Anderson, Fus. Moreton, Fus. Wilson.

Colchester on 22nd March, to finish twenty-second out of a field of 280.

The meet at the Officers' Mess took place early in the month, and in spite of the superabundance of wire in the neighbourhood a good day was enjoyed by quite a large field. The season finished with a splendid day from Bright—much of the jumping being over the actual fences of the point-to-point course. Though not distinguished by the number of hares killed, the hunting season has provided some very sporting days for a large majority of the Officers.

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"MEET OF HOUNDS AT OFFICERS' MESS."

During the ten days prior to the point-to-point, early morning gallops have taken place in a field which has been kindly lent to us by Captain Neil, our near neighbour. On this training gallop we have erected some quite useful fences, which will be of great value in the future for schooling purposes. After the initial effort of rising soon after six o'clock has been overcome, very pleasant mornings they have been and a very good insight into the form of the various candidates for the point-to-point has been obtained.

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Our Regimental Race was run on the 26th March at Bright, in conjunction with the East Down Harriers, by kind permission of the Master and Committee. We were not rewarded with good weather—in fact, for a large part of the afternoon's sport the sky was overcast, and there were heavy showers of rain, consequently the going was very heavy and the takes-off and landings at jumps very slippery and treacherous.

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Capt. Seth-Smith rode his horse Canbuttry to victory in convincing style in the first race of the day—*viz.*, the Hunt Race, for a Cup presented by the Hunting Ladies of the East Down Harriers, the race being open to members of any hunt in Ulster.

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The Regimental Race, which was the last race of the day, showed an entry on the card of 16, of whom 11 faced the starter, the largest field of the day. The competitors had the misfortune to weigh out in a torrential downpour and arrived at the starting point soaked to the skin. Capt. Seth-Smith's Tall Story started an odds-on favourite, the remainder of the field varying in odds from 6—1 to 4—1.

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The course was about three miles, and included some 26 obstacles of every variety, chiefly ditches and banks, in fact quite a trappy piece of country, but all the 11 horses completed the course without mishap.

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Tall Story, who was rather in a class by himself from the point of view of racing, led practically throughout the race easily stalling off the challenge of Mr. Laing on Judy, as Capt. Seth-Smith had the race well in hand all the way round. Tall Story eventually won the race by about 8 lengths, with plenty in hand, being followed by Mr. Laing on Judy and Mr. Bolster on Punch, who ran into third place.

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The following were the starters for the race, with their order of finishing :—

Capt. K. A. Seth-Smith's b.g. aged Tall Story (Owner) .. 1
Major J. F. Chenevix-Trench's br.m. aged Judy (Mr. W. D. F. Laing) 2
Major R. M. St. J. Booth's b.g. aged Punch (Mr. G. H. Bolster) 3
Mr. F. H. Butterfield's ch.g. aged Samson (Owner) .. 4
Lt.-Col. W. N. Herbert's b.m. 6 year old Joanna (Mr. W. N. C. Crawhall) 5
Capt. T. Stanton's (R.A.M.C.) ch.g. aged Kilashee (Owner) 6
Capt. W. H. Braddell's b.g. aged Simon (Mr. R. H. Yorke) 7
Capt. H. I. Powell's ch.g. aged Reform (Mr. M. N. E. Macmullen) 8
Lt.-Col. W. N. Herbert's ch.g. 6 year old Copper (Owner) 9
Mr. R. S. N. Clarke's b.g. aged Dorabil (Owner) 10
Mr. R. P. Whelan's roan g. aged Cinders (Mr. R. C. Stockley) 11

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We congratulate Capt. Seth-Smith on his double victory—winning both the Hunt Race and the Regimental Race for General Yatman's Cup.

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A word of praise is due to Copp, our stud groom, for his untiring efforts in the training and care of our horses, and to our soldier grooms, who are a particularly keen lot of men and who should benefit by his instruction in stable management.

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During the afternoon the Officers were "at home" to the members, farmers and puppy walkers of the Hunt, and dispensed hospitality in a marquee. The meeting was also enlivened by the presence of the Regimental Band.

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Bright did not live up to its reputation, and the meeting was the first since the war which has not been favoured with brilliant weather.

SERJEANTS' MESS NOTES.

Since our last notes the 1st Billiard Handicap has been concluded and another one commenced.

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Particulars of both handicaps are as follows :—

1ST HANDICAP.

Second Round.

HANDICAP.	NAMES.	ACTUAL SCORES.
70 S. ..	C.S.M. Scally beat	130
50 S. ..	Band-Sjt. Chislett	147

Third Round.

60 S. ..	Mr. Craven beat	140
70 S. ..	C.S.M. Scally	127
S. ..	Mr. Sutton beat	200
100 B. ..	C.Q.M.S. Ludford	274
60 S. ..	R.Q.M.S. Capstaff beat	140
30 S. ..	Q.M.S. (O.R.S.) Gale	113
30 S. ..	C.Q.M.S. Lewis beat	170
110 B. ..	Mr. Williams	290

Semi-Final.

30 S. ..	C.Q.M.S. Lewis beat	170
60 S. ..	Mr. Craven	123
S. ..	Mr. Sutton beat	200
60 S. ..	R.Q.M.S. Capstaff	132

Final.

30 S. ..	C.Q.M.S. Lewis beat	170
S. ..	Mr. Sutton	168

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2ND HANDICAP.

First Round.

60 B. ..	Sjt. Lock beat	260
100 B. ..	Sjt. Murphy	180
20 B. ..	Mr. Sutton beat	220
111 B. ..	Sjt. Swain	243
150 B. ..	Sjt. Wixon beat	350
60 B. ..	Sjt. Croft	175
60 S. ..	Sjt. Dennis beat	140
10 B. ..	C.S.M. Ratliff	175

2ND HANDICAP.	NAMES.	ACTUAL SCORES.
100 B. ..	R.S.M. Rowsell beat	300
20 B. ..	C.Q.M.S. Lewis	182
150 B. ..	Sjt. Hobbs beat	350
100 B. ..	C.Q.M.S. Ludford	228
50 S. ..	Sjt. Moore beat	150
40 S. ..	Sjt. Chapman	154
20 S. ..	R.Q.M.S. Capstaff beat	180
120 B. ..	Sjt. Walsh	319
S. ..	Sjt. Gibbons beat	200
S. ..	C.S.M. Scott	178

The following drew byes in the first round :—

Messrs. Craven, Flatcher, Sjt. Hurt, Sjt. Crawley, Mr. Williams and Q.M.S. (O.R.S.) Gale.

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Owing to an outbreak of measles, our activities in the way of functions have had to be curtailed.

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Two of the usual weekly Whist Drives have been held, and the winners are :—

	LADIES.	GENTLEMEN.
2nd March.	1, Mrs. Chislett.	1, S/Sjt. Brown.
23rd ,,	1, Mrs. Capstaff.	1, R.Q.M.S. Capstaff.
	2, Mrs. Williams.	2, Mrs. Rowsell.

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The Dances have now re-commenced, much to the delight of the dancing members.

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Several have gone into special training for the St. George's Ball, and are indulging in brine baths.

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Others are quietly preparing at home. Some have even included the strenuous game "Shove Halfpenny" in their itinerary.

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It is not anticipated that any of them will break down in training, so that on the eventful day they should all be able to stay the distance.

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Arrangements for the Ball are well forward, and the prospects are good for a highly successful evening.

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Congratulations to Sjt. and Mrs. Crawley on the arrival of No. 1—Variety, male.

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The heir apparent has not as yet made his official entry into the camp, but this event is anticipated at an early date.

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"Creep" will soon be able to demonstrate how the "creep" should be done to his heart's content.

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It is to be hoped that the youth does not indulge in nocturnal melodies.

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It is with much regret that we have to record the discharge of another of our oldest members.

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Sjt. Loder has been invalided out of the Service, after serving for 19 years in the Regiment.

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He will be greatly missed, both for his fine soldierly qualities and his sportsmanship.

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Our best wishes go with him in his retirement.

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At a Dance, on the 5th March, the R.S.M. presented to him, on behalf of the members, a token of their respect and esteem, and in a few well-chosen words alluded to the services of this N.C.O.

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Sjt. Loder suitably responded.

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C.S.M. Scott and Sjt. Irwin have joined us from the 2nd Bn., and Sjts. Smart and Hayward on promotion. We welcome them heartily, and congratulate the two latter on their advancement.

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It will be noticed that "Staker" has not entered for the second Billiard Handicap.

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The reason for this is that whilst he was practising with a new pattern of "stilts" he had the misfortune to slip from one of his boxes and injured his bridge hand.

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He had therefore reluctantly to cancel his entry.

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It is understood that quite a lot of the "Stakes" made could not be hedged, there being consequently a great deal of speculation as to whether it will be recoverable in the next handicap.

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It can be stated on good authority that "Staker" will be seen in action when the next handicap is up for decision, and it will behove the other entrants to beware, and not to treat the little man with contempt.

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A certain Warrant Officer has taken to himself another female.

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This in spite of the fact that he is already a married man.

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There is no getting away from the fact that "Fanny" is a "dear thing."

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It is estimated that her consumption is twice that of similar built articles.

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However, the said Warrant Officer is quite in love with it, and only the other day returned from a day's outing, having covered 50 miles.

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"Fanny," being normally right-handed, has a strong objection to being made to do things by the left, particularly "turnings."

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Particulars of the doings of our fishing expert will be given in next month's notes.

"PACKY."

CORPORALS' CLUB NOTES.

Now that the leave season is over, members have returned to the "joys" of Company Training (the advancing or retreating before an enemy of beautiful coloured flags).

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To hear members tell of the number of miles travelled during these advances and retreats makes one wonder that the Great War did not last longer.

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The powers-that-be have dragged poor old father into the scrum, and we may say that he has aged ten years during the past month.

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The "Fold" has had a bedraggled look, owing to the weird dresses that have answered to the name "canvas clothing."

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We regret to announce that our "Rummy King" has again been called away, being a member of the Guard sent to Hillsborough to guard His Grace. This is most unfortunate, as the game will suffer through his continued absence.

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Great consternation was caused the other day through one of our members appearing swathed in bandages. He is an Irishman, but even some of the theories propounded by members regarding what the bandages covered were too bad even for an Irishman. The truth will out, and a day or two later we discovered a small red spot.

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Our Irishman is now taking "shandies," and hopes to be in touch with "Baby Stout" within the week.

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For the benefit of our members we have to report that "Quennie" has deserted Ballynahinch, and now travels to Belfast.

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We cannot vouch for the truth of the following, but we have heard it said that he of the russet hue is going into the ministry, and that he is taking his oboe with him.

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Preparations are being made for St. George's Day, and owing to the absence of our saint's favourite sand, we are compelled to return to St. George's Bushes.

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"W" Company has returned from Carrickfergus, and we wish to announce that our actor is open for engagements. His last appearance at that place as *Romeo* was a great success.

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Juliet unfortunately was a dutiful sentry of the guard, and could not appear. *Romeo* rendered "Annie Laurie" to account for the absence of *Juliet*.

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A loud speaker of the mechanical type is now installed in the "Fold."

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Originally we had natural ones of a tin(ge) and short sharp(e) tones, respectively.

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A seniority roll has been placed in the "Fold." This is hung near the end of the hockey—(I mean billiard table). The traffic around this part of the room is such that members can only use three sides of the hockey field.

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We believe that our notes caused us to lose our "Expert Caterer."

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Our congratulations are extended to Cpls. Hayward and Smart on their promotion to Sjt. and A/Sjt. respectively.

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We wish to welcome the following into the "Fold":—Lce.-Cpls. Parker, Dunne, Dennison, Stockton, Blakey, Whitton, Plumb, Walton, Robinson, Townley, Spanton, Charlton and Larkman.

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The fold expresses its deepest sympathy to Cpl. Stanton on the loss of a son, who died on the 19th March, 1927.

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Heard on Guard.—

ORDERLY OFFICER (to Sentry): "Why do you turn out the guard at tattoo?"

SENTRY: "I cannot put it in words, but I think it has something to do with the last war."

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Heard on the Square.—

INSTRUCTOR: ". . . when you stand at ease carry your left foot 27 in. to the left."

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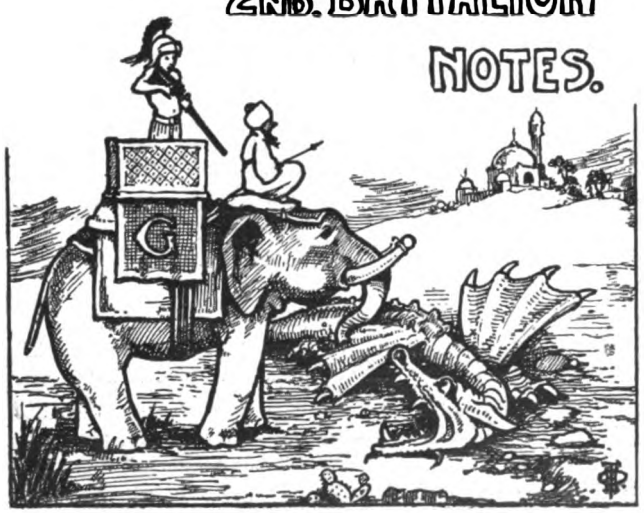
Month's Ode.—

Cooked, cooked, I will not be cooked!
Cook, are you Cook, the Cook,
The Cook we have wished to be cooked?

"HUTTIE."

2ND. BATTALION NOTES.



NOWSHERA,
20th February, 1927.

Our last notes broke off rather abruptly on the eve of our departure for Brigade Camp.

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The Battalion marched out on the 20th January for Mardan, where the whole Brigade camped for the night on the Guides' parade ground: the Advance Party had marched the previous day and had left for Rustam before our arrival. The next day we completed the march to Rustam, the distance of about 22 miles a hard march which tested the condition of the Battalion to the utmost. We found camp marked out for us and most of the perimeter dug—a pleasant surprise arranged by Major Foster and the Advance Party which was very much appreciated.

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The next few days were really strenuous: the Rustam Hills are both steep and high; the Battalions in the Brigade, particularly the Guides, are seasoned mountaineers, and the greatest credit must be given to our men, who had but little training in such hills, yet more than held their own. In going up hills we compete with anyone, except the Guides trans-border men; in coming down we may possibly get faster with more experience.

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On the 24th and 25th we were visited by the Divisional Commander, Major General Cassels, and the C.-in-C. Northern Command, General Cobbe.

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Two strenuous days' preparations were the result, the last day's operations taking over 10 hours. On one occasion, while working up the Pirsai valley, the spirited attack by "A," "C" and "D" Companies on both sides of the village caused considerable local alarm, and the inhabitants turned out in force with rifles and guns and manned the walls; trouble was fortunately avoided, and we parted good friends over a pot of tea.

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Half way through camp we were attacked by Influenza, fortunately of a mild type. The first victims were the Band, some twenty out of thirty-eight in camp succumbing. Other cases quickly followed in the Drums and Companies, till some fifty had left us. In spite of the reduced numbers, however, the remaining members of the Band and Drums played us home in great style: perhaps the grouping of the instruments might not have pleased the Bandmaster's fastidious ear on this occasion, but one cannot be critical when whole blocks of essential instruments are missing.

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The weather fortunately held up to the last day, when we had rain, but the real heavy rain only came after we got safely back in barracks.

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At Mardan, on our return march, some Officers and some forty N.C.O.'s, by kind invitation of the Guides, visited the various points of interest, particularly the Guides' Mess—a veritable exhibition of both archæological and sporting treasures.

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On arrival back at Nowshera, fate had a further blow in store for us. First the Band and Drums, then the whole Battalion were confined to barracks as a precaution against the further spread of Influenza in the Garrison.

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Seldom has the Battalion been so weak in numbers as this year: with all our time-expired men gone, no drafts yet arrived, and some two hundred and fifty men to be left behind for duty in Nowshera, the platoons and sections have in some cases dwindled almost to vanishing point, and this has partly interfered with the value of our training. As to games, well, it is some time since we saw a football or a hockey stick, though Capt. Plummer, on the day we returned, set about training the athletes to compete at Peshawar towards the end of February.

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A RETROSPECT.

Since Christmas the Battalion has been almost continuously in camp, and in spite of an outbreak of Influenza, which reduced

MAJOR BAXTER AND BAND.
"PATHAN ENEMY," MANKI CAMP.

our numbers for Brigade and Inter-Brigade manœuvres to about four hundred and fifty, we have thoroughly enjoyed it. We have met and made many new friends, the 3/1st and 5/8th Punjabis, the 60th, 89th and 90th Field Batteries, and particularly the 11th Pack Battery, attached to the Battalion in Battalion camp and who shot over us in Brigade and Inter-Brigade manœuvres, and the Guides, Cavalry and Infantry.

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A very quick response was made to the kind invitation of the Guides to come over and see their Mess, an almost unique museum, their chapel, and the Ambela Cemetery. Rather over forty Officers, Warrant Officers and N.C.O.'s turned out, after the 22 mile march from Rustam to Mardan and the fording of two streams, and the number would have been larger but for the limitation of space in the Guides' Mess. As it was we almost crowded them out. Capt. Duncan showed us, amongst many interesting relics, the table of the 18th Hussars, which was used by them through the Siege of Ladysmith, and was on their disbandment purchased and presented to the Q.V.O. Corps of Guides by a Battalion of Guides disbanded after the Great War.

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Amongst the portraits of former Commandants of the Guides were those of Sir Samuel Browne, Colonel Wilde (Wilde's Rifles), Lumsden (the first Commandant of the Guides from 1846 onwards), and a very rare print of John Nicholson as an Ensign. The Guides possess a wonderful picture of Cragg Picquet, three times taken and retaken in the fighting in the Ambela Pass in 1863. No members of the Regiment are buried in the old Ambela Cemetery in Mardan, where the Battye brothers lie side by side, although we possess more than one Ambela Clasp. The memorial to Lieut. McLean, V.C., the Adjutant of the Guides Cavalry, who was killed in Swat in 1897, was to us even more interesting. Lieut. McLean served in the FIFTH before joining the Guides, and the memorial was erected outside the Guides' Chapel by his friends in both Regiments.

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Our further thanks are due to Col. Channer (brother of our Red Marine friend in Gravesend in 1902-3) and Col. Burrows, for sending the Training Battalion Band to play us in and out of Mardan.

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Now about training itself. We learnt a lot about mountain warfare, and General Cassels once more congratulated the Battalion on getting down to work so thoroughly and successfully. We have still a lot to learn about it all, but helped by Major Sandeman, C.I.E., and the Officers of the Guides, we were able to break the back of our difficulties and if we are not as quick up and down hills as we are told the Seaforths were in their fourth year, we are quicker than they were in their first year, which promises well for the future. We saw the Pirsai, Malandri, and Ambela Passes, which are possible avenues into Buner and Chamla for this Brigade in case of trouble, and a knoweldge of their peculiarities may save us much time and trouble in the future. The last-named pass, in the opinion of the majority who struggled up its narrow camel (*sic* !) path, should be avoided at all costs unless time allows of the construction of a permanent road. In fact the Chamla road is welcome to it.

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The Milandri is comparatively easy. We formed part of the Khaki force in Inter-Brigade manœuvres, fighting against the 3rd I.I. Brigade (Blue), commanded by an old 3rd Division friend of the Regiment, Colonel-Commdt. Potter.

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On the 5th February we had an easy march of 16½ miles to Jallosai. During the first part of the march we tested anti-aircraft precautions, which stood us in good stead later on. At Jallosai the Headman called on us and said when last the 5th and 6th Foot met at Jallosai, in 1907-8, they celebrated the occasion by a dinner at his Resthouse. Jallosai was reputed to have a four years' unblemished reputation for honesty. That same was badly tarnished this time, as the Guides lost some camp equipment and the Staff Captain most of his kit, but thanks to the vigilance of its prowlers the Battalion was left in peace. On the 6th we marched to Shamshattu, a much shorter but more trying march of about 9 miles.

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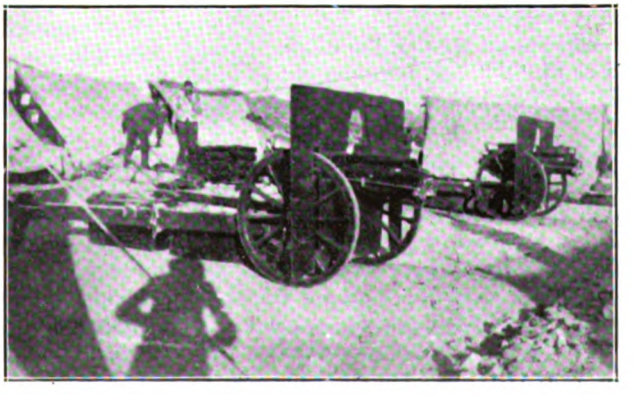
At 09.00 hours on 7th February, war broke out. The Guides Cavalry and Infantry, with our old friends the 11th Pac



SECTION OF 11TH PACK BATTERY.

Battery, formed the Advance Guard, and had cleared the rocky defile of Tarukai and were right out into the plain, a 12 mile

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march, before the hostile Advance Guard, which had apparently taken the wrong road, appeared. The main body, under Lt.-Col.

"B" Company Building a Sangar.

Kershaw, headed by the 3/1st Punjabis and followed by the 2/5th and the 5/8th Punjabis, marched some eight miles without incident, except for an abortive bombing attack by four hostile aeroplanes on the Pack Battery's 2nd line mules moving in the gap between the Advance Guard and main body. This attack was not well carried out, as the planes were visible for some 1,000 yards, and the anti-aircraft picquets were all ready for them. The Air Umpires adjudged the attack to have failed, with a loss of 50 % to the Blue planes.

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At this point Bolshevic activity in the Khaki Capital forced the Khaki Commander to order us to fall back on Shamshattu by nightfall.

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The 2nd Fifth and the 5/8th Punjabis marched to a position some four miles back and occupied it astride the road to cover the Advance Guard in its withdrawal. Thanks to the initial error in direction of the enemy's Advance Guard, the Guides and the 3/1st Punjabis withdrew without any trouble, and at 4.15 p.m. the Fifth and 5/8th Punjabis began their withdrawal.

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As "B" Company began to withdraw covered by the Guides' Cavalry, two hostile armed cars which had made an amazingly steep climb burst through the Guides' Cavalry, who with two platoons of "B" Coy. were put out of action for two hours. How "B" Coy. had their revenge will be told later.

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The armed cars had one look at the slope in the rear of our position and decided to turn back. The rest of our retirement through the Guides and 3/1st Punjabis was a scramble over amazingly broken country, without a shot being fired at us for two and a half miles. Our 18-pdr. Battery and armed cars did not reach us until 6 p.m. on this date. Shortly before retiring we could see the enemy in column of route passing over a neck on the road. We could see the opposing Commander and his flag, his escort and the guns, followed by two Battalions. Thanks to the Blue Signallers, who persisted in using skylines (our Signallers please note, although we know that they are too well trained to do such a thing), for sending messages from front to rear, we were able to get the Blue order of march as escort (a troop Poona Horse) Commander and flag, 100th Field Battery (Howitzer), followed by Rifle Brigade and an Indian Battalion. We could give our C.R.A. such gems of information as "Battery closing down and preparing to advance!" Our Pack Battery had registered the road, and shortly afterwards we saw the hostile Battery advancing at the trot.

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The next day we continued our retirement and dug in on a second line running through the Bluff astride the line of advance of the enemy. We also dug trenches for the 5/8th Punjabis, as they were in reserve of the advanced line. The forward position held until 3 p.m., when a few disconnected attacks were made on the left of 5/8th Punjabis line; the Fifth did not fire a shot. At dusk it appeared probable from the activity of the enemy patrols that he was contemplating a night advance and attack at dawn. "B" and "A" Companies occupied an outpost position north and south of the Bluff. About this time we heard that the situation in the Khaki Capital was easier and that reinforcements would reach us on the 9th morning. In order to upset the enemy's attack Colonel Muskpratt, Commanding 4th I.I. Brigade, decided to withdraw before dawn, feed and water in comfort, and then resume the offensive. Accordingly the Brigade withdraw between 4.30 and 5.45 a.m., and the enemy's attack fell on air, as did his bombing of the village Spin Khah. At 10.30 a.m. the Fifth on the right and the 5/8th Punjabis on the left began our attack, which went at such a pace that it had to be held up by the Director, who said he could not have the manœuvres finished a day earlier. By 12.30 a.m. we had recaptured the Bluff, and by 2.30 p.m., assisted by some wonderful work by the Guides' Cavalry on our right, the Guides' Infantry on the left, and two Companies of 3/1st Punjabis who were put in round the right of the 5/8th who had been held up by armoured cars, we had practically destroyed the enemy Rear Guard and were up against his entrenched position.

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"D" on the right and "B" Company on the left lead the attack, "C" Company working round the right and "A" Company round the left of the enemy whenever the situation got too sticky. We were excellently supported by the 11th Pack Battery and our Machine Gun Platoon, who got across

"C" and "D" Companies, Perimeter Camp.

deep canon shape nullahs in great style, at an astonishing speed, and were always up when required. General Cassels

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complimented the Battalion on its attack, saying that it was one of the best he had ever seen.

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We took up a line of Outposts, the FIFTH west of the Spin Khak nullah, the rest of the Brigade behind it. At dusk we were relieved by the 5/8th Punjabis, and reached camp at 7 p.m., having been on the move for 14 hours. The men were in great spirits and were pleased to find that the A/Quartermaster, Lieut. Ingledew, Major (ex-Fusilier) Potter and the baggage parties had camp pitched ready for us to walk straight into—one more excellent piece of work to be placed to the credit of the "Q" Dept.

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Shortly before dusk the C.O. was summoned to a conference, and he and the Adjutant gaily cantered down the big nullah and were met by the Brigade Major, who explained that as the nullah was in no-man's land at this point, the conference had been hurriedly adjourned to the Pimple.

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However, as the bottom of the nullah was entirely out of

"SYCE! SYCE!! (OH FOR MY "CAR")"

view of the enemy's posts west of it, no harm was done and information which proved useful later on in the night was gained. The enemy's position consisted of a main line on a big ridge east of Shamshattu, with a dagger-shaped narrow ridge to the south, running parallel to the road round the enemy's right and close to the Khel border. This main position was covered one mile in advance by two enemy battalions disposed along the top of the western side of the big nullah. Armoured cars and a barricade across the road were suspected. The Guides were to cross the nullah, which at this point had 70 feet cliffs, except for a break where the road crossed it. They were to detach two platoons to mop up the enemy's detachments on the west bank of the nullah south of the road, and were then to pass through the trees in the road avoiding enemy posts and attack the enemy's main line. The 3/1st were to attack to the east of the road on the right of the Guides. The FIFTH were to follow the left flank of the Guides and attack Daggar Ridge from the south and south-east, and then help the Guides by working north along the main ridge. The FIFTH moved out at 5.30 a.m., followed by the 3/1st Punjabis to the latter's forming up place, and then moved down the nullah, which it crossed. One of the enemy's posts was firing 4 or 5 rounds every five minutes, apparently to draw fire from any attacking parties. Once under the western cliffs of the nullah half of our difficulties were over. The going was soft and the nullah so deep that the occasional flashes of enemy rifles from the top of the cliffs could not be seen. On the way down to the nullah an amusing incident occurred. Two umpire's orderlies, mounted, with led horses, appeared with a lighted hurricane lamp in the midst of the Battalion. They were reluctantly convinced that this was neither the time nor place for such illumination. Leaving the machine guns on pack east of the nullah, the Battalion still in column of route with scouts forward moved rapidly and silently up the road. The barricade was located and cleared noiselessly by two sections of "A" Company under Lieut. Tarleton, but the Battalion was checked for 10 minutes by umpires.

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When the advance was resumed the Battalion was able to get off the road between it and the Khel frontier. "A" Company was despatched to secure the eastern point of Daggar Ridge, with orders to close and come into reserve as soon as "B" Company was established on their left. As soon as "A" Company was in position, "B" Company was sent off to secure the centre of the Ridge. Just as "B" Company was moving across the road, followed by "C" Company, an armoured car was heard approaching from the enemy's side. "B" and "C" Companies threw themselves flat on the ground on either side of the road. The car came up, checked to change gears, and was boarded from the rear by two sections of "B" Company, the tank umpire being quietly removed from the running board by Fus. Catterick. The umpires with us—we had by now accumulated some twelve, most of whom had lost touch with the Guides' attack by reason of its speed, asked the armoured car gunner if he was firing. He replied, "No. What at?" At that moment Major Foster placed a hog spear in close proximity to his stomach, and he surrendered at discretion. The second armoured car three minutes later was similarly dealt with and "B" Company felt that they had squared accounts with the mechanical branch. By this time it was light enough to see a hundred yards, and "B" Company was launched against two platoons of the Rifle Brigade who were showing up against the sky on Daggar Ridge.

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The Rifle Brigade left in time to avoid a collision, but the Battalion was subjected to a further delay of 10 minutes to let the Blue Force get clear away. At this moment firing broke out on the Guides' front, and as this was the signal for the M.G. Platoon to cross the nullah they arrived at the road barricade just in time to open it to our armoured cars. The Guides' Machine Guns passed through "B" Company at this point.

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"C" and "D" Companies were sent off against the Daggar's hilt, and "A" Company was closed to move up to support the Guides' left. "C" Company reached its objective, but "D" had to swing off to catch an enemy counter-attack which appeared outside our extreme left. It was delivered by about two companies, but except for the leading platoon which ran straight into "D" Company and our armoured cars, it lost direction and attacked S.W. towards the Khel frontier, turning their backs on "C" Company, which had faced about, "D" Company hot in pursuit, two armoured cars, and the Guides' M.G. Section, which their Subedar had hurried up to the crest

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of Daggars Ridge on the alarm counter-attack. Umpires announced the counter-attack to be wiped out. "A" Company meantime crossed the ridge from south to north and pushed up to support the Guides in their attack on the main ridge, where they were counter-attacked by "A" Company of the Rifle Brigade.

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By this time our Machine Guns had come up, Guides' M.G.'s, Pack Battery, and a Company of the Guides were helping "A" Company, and this counter-attack was also broken. It was now fairly light (6.55 a.m.).

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A further delay of 10 minutes was enforced by the umpires, but by this time the Guides' attack had swept over two headquarters of the advance position and were almost on top of the enemy's main position. Our "D" Company was clearing the last platoon of the Rifle Brigade off the hilt of the Daggar, the Battalion was established along the Daggar facing (except for "A" Company) to the south-west. The Battalion H.Q. Signallers were in touch with Brigade on the Pimple, which had reported all objectives won five minutes before we were expected by Brigade H.Q. to have first gained touch with the enemy's battle position.

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Then the "Stand Fast" sounded, and we sent the Rifle Brigade "Good Morning to you from the FIFTH" by flag. "The same to you" was sent back, and operations ended. General Cassels complimented the Guides and the 2nd FIFTH on the speed and co-operation which had caused a very strong position to be completely overrun in such a short time, and made several further remarks of a very gratifying nature to both the Regiments. It is believed that the enemy Brigade Commander, seeing lines of troops coming rapidly up to his headquarters, said "The Dogras are coming back very fast," then after a pause, "By God! it's the Guides!"

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One extraordinary sight was to see the enemy, though whom we had passed without seeing a sign of him, collecting to march back through us after the "Stand Fast." It is doubtful if anyone had guessed how many there were.

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We marched to Jallosai that morning, and the following day marched into Nowshera. The Officers of the Guides' Infantry (the Cavalry had gone straight through to Nowshera) honoured us by dining with us and we spent a very jolly evening. The following day we were able in some measure to repay the hospitality of the Guides at Mardan by sending the Band and Drums to play them to the Bridge of Boats. Our admiration for the Corps of Guides (Cavalry and Infantry), whether in open or mountain warfare, is immense, and we are very firm friends. We are a very happy Brigade; we hope that the other Battalions of the Brigade and the Artillery like us as much as we like them, and, thank-you, we like Nowshera.

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We play the 11th Pack Battery in the final of the Brigade Hockey on Monday, and the same day we play the 5/6th Dragoons at Risalpur in the Football Competition. We made great friends with "A" Squadron of the 5/6th Dragoons in camp at Manki. Col. J. A. Brooke is an old Fusilier, and the Dragoons very kindly insisted on giving tea to all the Battalion who went over as spectators. If the FIFTH can't win the British Football, we hope that the 5/6th Dragoons will.

Once more we say "We like Nowshera and Risalpur."

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We must not end these notes without saying how much we are indebted to the R.A.F. for the way they liased with us. Taking up our Officers, putting them up for the night, and taking air photos for us at training and camp. They also live at Risalpur.

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We must acknowledge with grateful thanks the present of a magnificent leopard's skin to the Drums by Lieut. Tarleton.

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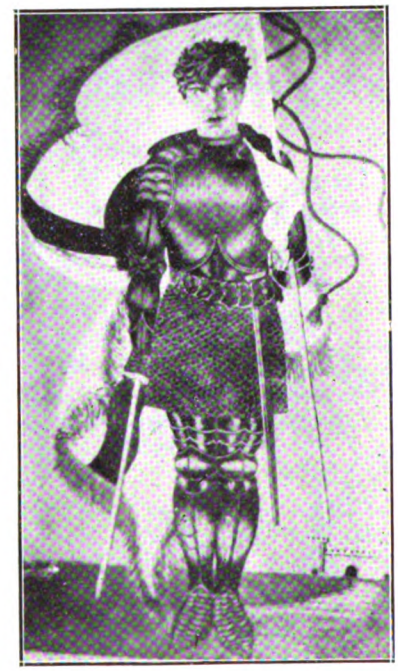
A wonderful likeness of General J. F. Riddell on a very beautiful frame has been presented to the Officers' Mess by Mrs. Riddell. This memento of one of the finest soldiers ever



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DESIGN FOR A POSTER BY FUS. ALLAN.

serving in the FIFTH will be treasured greatly, and our most greatful thanks are tendered to Mrs. Riddell.

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We hope that the Editor of *St. George's Gazette* will not have a fit when he sees these notes: they are long, but we think that they will interest those who took part in the Inter-Brigade Training and their friends, and may serve to clear up what was going on beyond the immediate ken of the Battalions.

SERJEANTS' MESS NOTES.

We are afraid an apology is due for the absence of notes during the last month or so, and in future we will try to make amends.

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Gentle reader, if such are your thoughts, let me dispel them.

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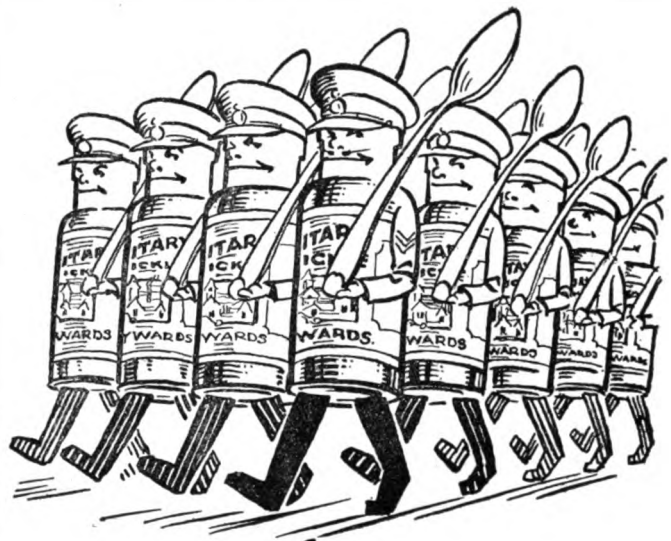

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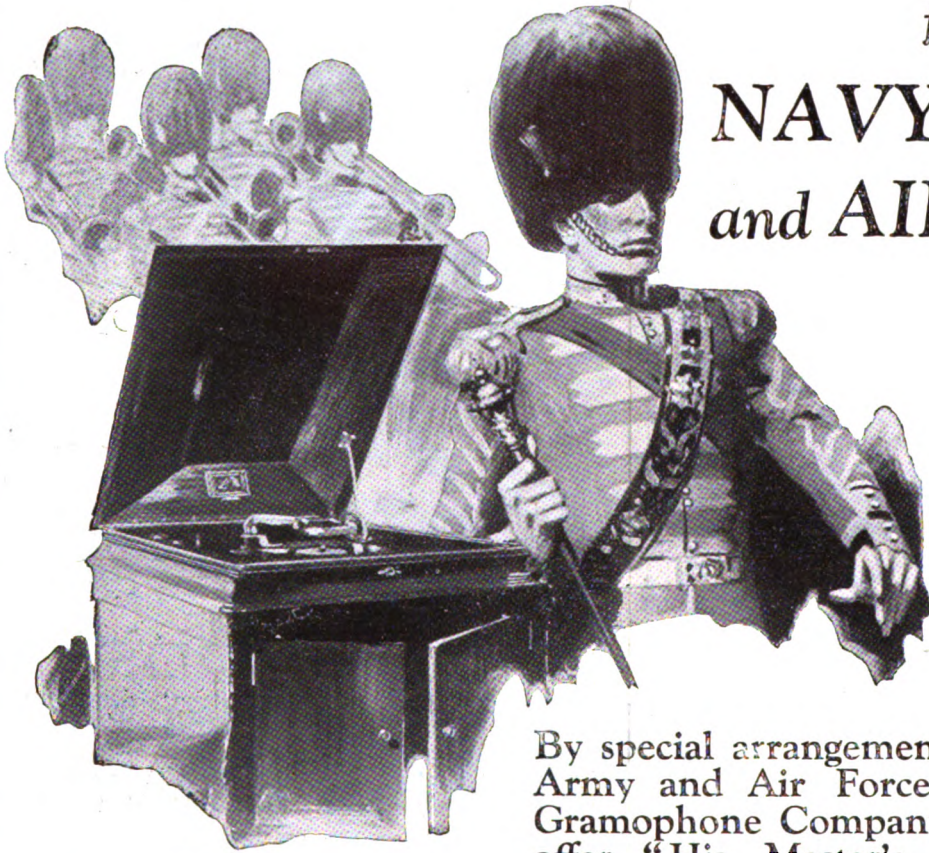

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On completion of training the Battalion was complimented on their worth—a tit bit which was appreciated by all ranks and just as thoroughly deserved.

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I am afraid that notes on entertainments must perforce be scarce, as we have found it very nearly impossible to hold many owing to the succession of camps.

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On Christmas Day we had our usual tree and tea for the families. C.S.M. Beck and his committee are to be congratulated on the splendid arrangements that were made. We also had two Whist Drives and Dances, both of which were fairly patronised by our new neighbours, the 23rd Brigade R.A. Our Mess does not offer facilities for entertainments on a lavish scale, rather a change from Fyzabad.

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We have welcomed C.S.M. and Mrs. Davis back from leave to U.K., and Sjts. Phillips, Fairley and Chapman on promotion. We wish our latest joined every success, and hope that they will look upon the Mess as their social home and endeavour to make it so.

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Our worthy Educational Instructor, " Mac.," and R.Q.M.S. Atkinson have been presented with the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal. Congratulations to both.

DEPÔT NOTES.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE,
23rd March, 1927.

We regret to have to record the death of Fusilier Cruickshanks. The suddenness of his end came as a great shock to all of us here. With his quiet, unassuming manner, there was no man more universally liked by his comrades on the Depôt Staff, who knew him best, or indeed by all ranks, than Fusilier Cruickshanks. To his parents we offer our sincere sympathy for the loss of so lovable a son.

4TH (T.A.) BATTALION NOTES.

NEWBURN-ON-TYNE,
23rd March, 1927.

The Drill Hall has been the scene of great activity during the past month ; N.C.O.'s Classes have been held on two nights a week, and on two others Signallers and Machine Gunners have been attending. On Fridays even the murkiest night has been rendered beautiful by the dialect notes of the bugle.

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An examination was held on Monday, 21st March, 1927, for those who have been attending the N.C.O.'s Classes, with very creditable results. We are all very grateful to Sjts. Brown and Forrester for the energy and keenness they have shown. We shall be sorry to lose them, and hope they will return to the Depôt with happy memories of their stay in the wilds of Newburn.

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We welcome 2nd-Lieut. Smith, whose change of residence has necessitated a transfer from " Y " Coy. to " X " Coy.

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The vexed question of the withdrawal of the bounty occupies everyone's minds at the moment, but we trust that the results will not be quite as gloomy as forecast by our poet.

PRUDHOE DETACHMENT NOTES.

Seeing that Newburn have not taken the advantage which our absence from the Field of Literature offered, we feel that we must once more make efforts to increase both the quality and the quantity of our Battalion Notes. (I'm referring to Newburn—we mean the Companies, and not Battalion H.Q.)

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As a result of the most intricate and detailed scheming during the last few months, training has now commenced in real earnest.

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We do not propose to bore our readers (if any) with minute details as to when and at what hours our training takes place, because they would not be interested, and furthermore we are not giving any tips to " W " and " X " Coys.

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Now that one has the " Adjutant's Cup " to compete for during pre-camp training, one cannot be too careful—one never knows who may be looking about for information. We would advise O.C. (as it were) " X " Coy. to start saving up ; he has lost his bet already. Anyhow, the Lewis Gun and Section Leaders' Classes, which are now in their final stages, have been well attended—in fact we have 21 Lance-Corporals and Fusiliers listening to wads of wisdom on these subjects ; ordinary drills have now commenced, and even the first parade was very well patronised.

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Furthermore, and up to the time of writing, we have heard of no other cases ; we have five non-bounty recruits !

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Really, the " axing " of the T.A. is getting beyond a joke. What is the use of having money to buy ammunition with (as we are told) when there will probably be no one who wants to fire it ?

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We are unfortunate in not having Mr. Bennett with us at the moment, as the result of an operation ; he will be immobile for a short while.

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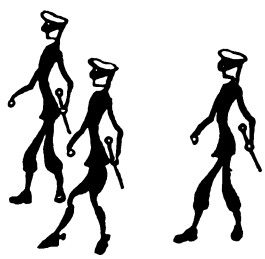
THE LOSS OF THE BOUNTY.

A Lay of the Last Recruit.

"Support me," quoth the Captain
To his remaining Subs.,
"And let us go recruiting
Around the neighbouring pubs."

They locked the Newburn Drill Hall,
And went in single file,
But opened out to arrow-head
When they had gone a mile.



And when the Pubs were opened
They all began to sing:
"Join up, my lads, and serve with us
Your Country and your King."

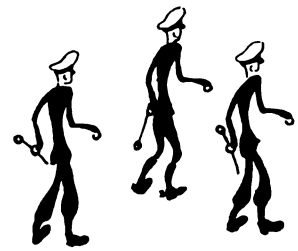
They searched the Inns at Throckley,
And then advanced with bounds
Through Walbottle and Denton Dene,
Unto the Fox and Hounds.

Then they debouched on Lemington
And sang their little song;
But since recruits did not join in,
They didn't stay there long.

They reconnoitred Scotswood Road,
With Pubs. on either flank,
And as their singing made them dry,
At every fourth they drank.

Although they scoured the Crown Hotel,
The Comet and the Sun,
The Douglas and the North British,
Recruits they captured none.

At length unto the County
They went to drown their grief,
But even there the Bounty
Was cast into their teeth.



So home they turned, in arrow-head,
But scarce had marched a mile,
When finding it was closing-time
They closed to single file.

'Twas then a happy incident
Rewarded all their trouble:
They saw a man—he looked like two,
For they were seeing double.

Asleep beside the road he lay;
They picked him up with care,
Adjusted him and swore him in
A soldier then and there.

He was their one recruit that day,
So hopefully begun;
And yet for all that year's returns
They topped the list by one.

Their one recruit could never shoot,
And though he could not drill,
They had to make him Corporal
That vacancy to fill.

But when they gave him his third stripe
(I speak with bated breath)
He went into the Serjeants' Mess
And drank himself to death.

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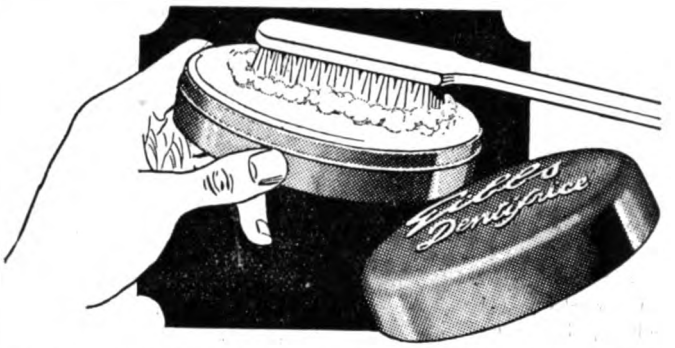

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5TH (T.A.) BATTALION NOTES.

WALKER-ON-TYNE,
March, 1927.

The chief event of the year is looming in the distance, to wit St. George's Day, a day that the whole Regiment looks forward to with a joy greater than that of leave, wars, and the rumours of wars, and all the other pleasures of a soldier's life. This year the week of the day of "THE DAY" bids fair to eclipse past weeks since the war, judging by the events that are scheduled to take place. On the 21st April there is the Aid Ball; on the 22nd there is the Serjeants' Ball; on the 23rd the Officers' Dinner; and on the 24th the annual Church Parade, followed by at least a week's convalescence.

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Work is in full swing, Section Leading Courses, Depôt Course, Drills, Week-end Camps, Musketry, etc., roaring at full throttle —this in spite of the fact that only three recruits have joined since the bounties were stopped, so that, although our numbers may drop there is every indication that our efficiency may increase.

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A very successful Dance was held at Wallsend on the 7th March, a large number of W.O.'s, N.C.O.'s and Men being present. The large number of varied methods of dancing the "Charleston" seemed remarkable, but perhaps each Tyneside district produces its own dance in these days, such as the "Wallsend Wobble," the "Ryton Roarer," the "Hebburn Hump," the "Benton Bottom," the "Whitley Waggle," the "Felling Fumble," and so on.

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There is a week-end training camp for N.C.O.'s and selected Fusiliers at Ponteland on the 19th/20th March, and we hope it will be as successful as the one held in February, when over 90 all ranks attended. We also hope that the climate will be a little less invigorating this time.

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The first musketry week-end camp takes place on the 26th/27th March.

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We were very sorry to see in the 1st Battalion's Notes for February that four Company Commanders and the W.T.O. had succumbed to the attack of the "Bug"; we can only think that the breed of "bug" in Ballykinlar is of a more offensive type than that bred in these parts, unless it be that the Officers of this Battalion are immune, as there have been no reported cases of successful onslaught so far, although the Adjutant threatened to surrender on two occasions within a month, but he collected some reserves from somewhere and staved off the attacks; but he expects a ghastly counter-attack in the near future to synchronise with the Monday after St. George's Day.

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The new furniture has arrived for our new ante-room, and the "lolling" and "lounging" that can be seen in this room of an evening is incredible. We hope the P.M.C. of the 6th Bn. will have had a look at the room before these notes are printed; we have got the smelling salts all ready for him.

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The direction in which "modern military thought" appears to be taking forces us to consider the question of the "mechanicalization," or is it "mechanization" (?) of infantry battalions of the Territorial Army, and the time no doubt approaches when drill halls will be garages containing "one-man tanks" and other mechanical atrocities causing noise and smoke and dirt.

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But everything has its advantages and instead of being crowded in trains going to and from annual camp we shall jog steadily along the highways, cooking our dinners on the exhaust pipes and generally keeping warm and comfortable, although the number of boot soles burnt out may cause alarm and despondency in the Quartermaster's department, but then modern armies want asbestos soles, and this may cause them to be produced.

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It will be a fine sight to see a Company Commander on a "one-man" tank, nipping about in a cloud of blue exhaust smoke, megaphone in one hand, signal flag halliards in the other, feet round the steering stick, trying to make himself seen through the smoke and heard above the noise of the exhaust ending with a probable dive into a handy village pond. The Orderly Room staff, we understand, will be largely augmented to deal with Courts of Inquiry, etc. But still we are anticipating slightly.

In conclusion, we wish all our friends a very happy St. George's Day.

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We heartily welcome Mr. J. M. Ogden and Mr. R. A. Ridley into our midst, and trust they will stay a long time with us and rise to great military heights.

6TH (T.A.) BATTALION NOTES.

ST. GEORGE'S DRILL HALL,
NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE,
23rd March, 1927.

Since our last notes the Territorial Army has again come into prominence by virtue of the Army Council Order that bounties have now to cease, except in cases of men enlisting before the end of February. There have been some very strong comments by Members of Parliament on the matter during the debate on the Army Estimates, and the correspondence in the *Times* and the leading articles have shown that the concensus of opinion is that a mistake has been made. We are glad to note, however, that the establishment is not to be cut down, and we trust the Territorial Army will be allowed to function without further change for sometime to come.

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Congratulations to Capt. C. B. Carrick, M.C., O.C. "C" Company, on his Captaincy.

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During the month we have had a demonstration of the flash spotter gun by General J. W. Lamont, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., and also a most interesting lecture by Lt.-Col. W. Platt, D.S.O., Commanding the Depôt at Newcastle, on the "Military History of the Regiment."

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"A" Company fired their musketry course at Ponteland on the 27th March, and "C" Company on the 3rd April.

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A most successful Variety Entertainment was given *gratis* in the Drill Hall on Monday, the 14th March. The artistes were :—Mrs. Rogers, Misses Harwood, Shepherd and Frater, and Messrs. Angus, Neville, Dotchin and White, and the R.S.M. The Band of the Battalion played before the performance and during the interval, and the Gosforth Rugby Dance Band also gave a very excellent performance. The concert was voted a great success by a packed audience, and the thanks of all are due to the promoters.

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The annual Boxing Competition against the Tyne Division of the R.N.V.R. was held at the Drill Hall on the 26th February, when we were beaten after a good struggle by 5 events to 3. On the whole, the representatives of the Navy were of better physique, although our men put up some good fights.

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Capt. the Hon. M. R. Best, D.S.O., M.V.O., H.M.S. *Nelson*, who has taken command of the new battleship now building in the Tyne, gave away the prizes and strongly commended contests of this nature as creating the necessary liaison and good feeling between the sister Services. Our thanks are due to Major H. R. Gadd, D.S.O., M.C. ; Capt. F. Wombell, M.B.E .; Lieut. W. Carrall, M.C., D.S.M. ; and Flight-Lieut. R. H. Mechan, for kindly officiating.

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The Territorial Boxing Championship took place at The Stadium Club, London, on the 9th and 10th March, and Cpl. Welsh (Welter-Weight), Fus. Mulligan (Feather-Weight), and Fus. Gullon (Fly-Weight), all from this Battalion, represented the 50th Division team ; the Bantam-Weight and Light-Weight being represented by privates from the 5th D.L.I.

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We were glad to note from the description in the *Times* that the fighting of Fus. Gullon was specially referred to, and we congratulate him most heartily on winning the Fly-Weight Championship.

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Out of the 12 Divisions who entered for the Championship, the 50th Division finished 4th, which was a creditable performance, as our team was three short, being unable to muster anyone for the Middles, Light-Heavies, or the Heavy-Weight competitions.

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We append an account of the fights :—

Fus. Gullon put up a convincing display the whole way through, and won the Fly-Weight honours, defeating Pte. Lowbridge in the Final, thus reversing last year's decision.

Fus. Mulligan was beaten on points by Pte. Marks in the second series. Marks was last year's winner and won the Feather-Weight again this year. It seemed unfortunate that the verdict should be given against Mulligan, for he had put up an excellent performance and a large majority thought he should have gained the verdict.

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Cpl. Welsh was defeated on points in the second series of the Welter-Weights by Pte. Miller, who was only just defeated in the final of this weight.

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A Mess Dinner was held on Wednesday, the 2nd March, and we had with us as guests :—Col. J. J. Gillespie, T.D. ; Mr. Gerald France ; Major Turnbull, of the D.L.I. ; Capt. Wombell, M.B.E. ; and Messrs. Bennett and Forbes Watson from the Depôt, and others.

SERJEANTS' MESS NOTES.

28th March, 1927.

Our League matches during the month, and results in brief, we give below :—

SHOOTING.

233	Royal Engineers	373
6th	North'd. Fusiliers	365
295	Royal Artillery	397
6th	North'd. Fusiliers	385

BILLIARDS.

233	Royal Engineers	351
6th	North'd. Fusiliers	385
295	Royal Artillery	306
6th	North'd. Fusiliers	366
72nd	Brigade R.F.A.	238
6th	North'd. Fus.	400

WHIST.

72nd	Brigade R.F.A.	6
6th	North'd. Fusiliers	4

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The annual shoot-off for the Co-operative Challenge Shield took place during the month. H.Q. Company proved to be the victors and finished 22 points ahead of their nearest rivals in " D " Coy.

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The team scores were as follows :—H.Q. Coy., 302 ; " D " Coy., 280 ; " A " Coy., 278 ; " C " Coy., 253.

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" B " Coy. could not raise a team, owing to sickness, etc.

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We congratulate H.Q. Coy. on their fine victory.

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A copy of the challenge sent us by our ex-serving members (The Bow and Arrow Clan) we give below :—

SIRE,

At a gathering of ye Olde Crusaders, it was decided to challenge ye and your Gallants to mortal combat, to take place on ye meadows of St. George, on Friday, ye eleventh day of February, ye nineteen hundred and twenty-seventh Year of our Lord.

The arms we request ye to use are Falchires, Flintlocks, and Cartels of Playe.

Trusting ye and your Gallants may see your way clear to accept and may we have a very pleasant termination to the aforesaid feud.

Given at ye place of ye Olde Crusaders, this sixth day of ye third month of ye nineth year after ye Grate Warre.

At ye wish and on behalf of ye Bow and Arrow Men.

JOAHN DAVIDE WALTON,
Knight Seconder.

Newcassel,
6/3/27.

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The following reply appeared on our notice board from somewhere :—

A Battle Royal it ought to be,
With Archers to the fore,
The servers wanting victory
As in the days of yore.
Our " Old Soldiers " never die ;
We'll wheel 'em out on barrows.
To us it seems imposs to try
And win with " Bows and Arrows."
We meet them on the table,
Should they win we give three cheers,
Tho' we're sure they are unable
To play with halberdiers.
They've picked their bladderbursters.
Again we say, What hopes !
Afraid they'll want some thirsters
When our's pass thro' the ropes.
When whist is o'er we'll join in song ;
There must not be a rift,
For we are proud all to belong
The good old " Fighting Fifth."

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Our Annual Dinner was held in the Crown Hotel, Newcastle, on the night of the 19th, and, as usual, was a great success. We were sorry more of our Officers could not be present, as they were fixed up for another engagement and had been for months previously.

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The Dinner was voted by all present to be the best that had ever been. There was a splendid muster of past and present members, and including guests 95 sat down to an excellent repast, which was followed by a programme of music that left little to be desired, and by the introduction of Community Singing everyone contributed to the harmony of the evening.

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Our guests included the Sheriff of Newcastle (Councillor R. S. Dalgleish), Lt.-Col. A. D. S. Rogers, T.D. (our Commanding Officer), Col. E. W. R. Pinkney, D.S.O., Capt. and Adjutant J. T. Leese, Capt. Clayton, M.C., Capt. Parmeter, Capt. J. L. Johnson, Capt. G. M. Hutchinson, Lieut. O. M. Ouzeman, Lieut. France, Lieut. Graham.

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Our genial R.S.M., Jimmie O'Hara, was in the chair, presiding in a manner befitting the occasion, his versatility as a speaker and a musical turn was much appreciated. He proposed the toast of " The Commanding Officer and Officers of the Battalion," which was responded to by Lt.-Col. A. D. S. Rogers, T.D.

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The toast of " Guests " was given by C.Q.M.S. Noekels, M.C., the Sheriff replying.

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Though our worthy Sheriff has been the object aimed at by some of the powers who would like to be, we will stand by our promise, should our services be required, *Quo fata vocant.*

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We have accepted a challenge from the W.O.'s and Serjeants of the 5/68th Depôt to a match at shooting and billiards. We are looking forward eagerly to the night of the 30th March for a keen encounter.

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P.S.—" Exhibition pies " were not on the menu.

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7TH BATTALION NOTES.

ALNWICK,
23rd March, 1927.

We deeply regret to have to record the death of our former Commanding Officer, Lieut.-Colonel Robert Scott, D.L., which occurred at Newton House, Lesbury, on 21st March, after a very short illness.

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One of the best known figures in North Northumberland, Colonel Scott was a man with many interests, one whose fine manly qualities appealed to all classes of the community. He was a devoted Public Servant, and filled in his time with numerous important positions with distinction, and always with that genial, kindly consideration for others which was characteristic of him.

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An intense patriot, he found full scope to serve his country in the Militia and Territorial Force. He had a long connection with the 3rd Bn. Northumberland Fusiliers (Militia), and made a practice of always attending both the recruits' period of training, as well as the annual trainings at Moorlaws, Alnwick, especially after the South African War. With that Unit he was embodied as Captain during that war. Regular troops being required for Active Service, the 3rd Battalion was ordered to Malta, and Col. Scott proceeded there, remaining to the end of the war. During that period he laid the foundations of his success as a trainer of troops.

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On the formation of the Speical Reserve and Territorial Force in 1908, Major Scott, as he then was, was selected to command the 7th Bn. North'd. Fusiliers (T.F.). This Unit was formed out of six of the twelve Companies of the 1st V.B. North'd. Fusiliers, the other six going to form the 4th Battalion. With only six Companies from Morpeth, Ashington, Belford, Alnwick, Amble and Berwick, it was necessary to form other two Companies, and Bedlington and Berwick were called upon to raise the extra men. Colonel Scott did not attend the Battalion's first annual training at Ripon that year, but soon after he was gazetted Lieut.-Colonel and started with his customary energy to organise his new command.

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His choice as Commanding Officer turned out to be a wise one, for, besides his many soldierly qualities, he had the necessary leisure to devote to his by no means easy task, while residence at Headquarters (Alnwick) was a great asset. While at first his so-called Regular Army methods did not go down too well with many of the old Volunteers, as time went on and the Battalion increased in smartness and efficiency, his insistence on what were considered mere details were recognised to be not only right but essential, and he became more and more popular with all ranks. The main essentials he laid down for a soldier were discipline, good turn-out, and steadiness on parade, and it is safe to say that in these respects, as well as in tactical knowledge, the 7th Battalion was at the top of the tree as a T.F. Unit in the Northern Command, both before and during its embodied service in England. He certainly made "the punishment fit the crime," but his decisions were always just. His own personal appearance was always a model to others, and woe to the man who spoiled his Battalion at drill by moving in the ranks. Those qualities, along with the *esprit-de-corps* which he instilled into all ranks, served to stand the 7th Battalion in good stead in the grave tasks which lay before it during 1915 to 1918.

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He attended all the annual trainings from 1909 at Berwick to 1914 at Penrith, and had just concluded his period in command, when war broke out in August, 1914. With the Battalion he mobilised and proceeded to the Tyne defences. On relief from actual coast defence, he trained it at Gosforth Park and Cambois, and here he effected the organisation of the Battalion on a four-company basis. All along he had never enjoyed the very best of health, and, though he volunteered for Active Service in September, 1914, and by his example induced many others to follow his example, it was ever a moot point if he would pass a stricter medical test when the Unit was ordered overseas. He had set his heart on going, and he set about getting himself fit. Both on day and night manœuvres he put in a lot of marching, but in the end his disability proved too much for even his keen and willing spirit, and he had reluctantly to hand over the command to Major G. Scott Jackson.

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The 20th of April, 1915, must indeed have been a sad day for him. Early that morning the 7th Battalion assembled in mass on the familiar parade ground—the Recreation Field at Cambois. Colonel Scott's farewell was characteristically brief but soldier-like. He was sure, he said, the 7th Battalion would ever do its duty by the Empire, however trying the circumstances. He only asked for the same loyal support for his successor and wished all ranks the best of luck and a safe return. Having handed over to Colonel Jackson, the Battalion moved off for its unknown destination, which turned out to be Ypres —there to lay the foundation stone of its active service traditions.

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It was when the Unit halted prior to embarking on the Cambois ferry that there was a striking demonstration of the Colonel's popularity. He was making his way to Blyth Station when he had to pass the waiting troops. His reception was remarkable. The cheering started from the rear of " D " (Berwick) Company, and the whole Battalion demonstrated its affection in the waving of caps and deep-throated hurrahs, repeated again and again. It was a scene that will never be effaced from the memory of those who were privileged to share in it. Colonel Scott was visibly affected by the warmth and affection of his reception, and repeatedly acknowledged the greetings of the succeeding platoons. But it must have been a trying day for him to part from his beloved Battalion.

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For a short time thereafter he commanded the 2/7th Battalion of the Regiment, but when it was decided that it should be sent overseas as a Unit his unfitness again ruled him out and he retired, devoting much of his time to presiding over tribunals under the Military Service Act. He always retained an affection for his Battalion and maintained a keen interest in its welfare to the end. Colonel Scott was the possessor of the Queen's South African Medal and King George's Coronation Medal. For his eminent military service he was appointed a Deputy-Lieutenant of the County.

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Since 1909 he had been an active member of the Northumberland Territorial County Association, and only in the last few

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months took a keen and active interest in the formation of the Embleton Branch of the British Legion.

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Once more our Training Season can be said to have fairly begun, and we are looking forward this year to an uninterrupted and successful programme.

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On 1st March, Captain Trenam and Mr. Potts embussed in the Adjutant's "Hayley" and went 250 miles to take a tilt at the promotion examiners at Lichfield. Captain Gallon had been engaged also to keep Hayley's back wheels on the ground, but fell sick of the 'flu. However, Captain Trenam and Mr. Potts dealt so firmly with the examiners that the former obtained a "Special," and the latter sailed through with the greatest ease.

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We extend hearty congratulations to both on their excellent achievements.

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Leaving Lichfield at 6 p.m. on the 4th, the adventurers ran Hayley through the night. The Adjutant dumped his ballast at Morpeth at 4.30 a.m., and himself at Embleton at 6 a.m., after doing a theatre at Doncaster on the way.

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After commanding a small mixed force of all arms, Mr. Potts is now busy with the lambing at Long Horsley, but the Adjutant is insatiable, and considers any week-end wasted in which he fails to collect some of us for some kind of training exercise.

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On Sunday, 13th March, an Exercise for Section Leaders was held at Rothbury, when 8 Officers and upwards of 100 junior N.C.O.'s and potential N.C.O.'s attended. Company contingents travelled from outstations by Motor Transport, and assembled at Rothbury at 10.30 a.m., where the drums were found to be already established under our new Drum-Major, Serjt. Bailey—their music lending the right atmosphere of cheeriness to an otherwise bleak day.

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A Training Ground on the top of a mountain to the south of the village had been selected by the Adjutant, but the weather looking very threatening, it was decided to defer outdoor exercises and in the meantime attend Church. At ten minutes' notice the Vicar of Rothbury turned on a Military Service, soldier hymns and prayers, and the singing of the "King" complete. The whole service was most inspiring, and even the Adjutant voted the training of the troops in "Section Stalk" well lost.

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All ranks were next fed in the Village Hall, and at 1 p.m. attacked the Adjutant's mountain. By 4 o'clock the following lessons had been well driven home :—

March Discipline Exercise.
Field Signals.
Battle Drill as a Company.
Battle Drill by Platoons.
Section Formations.

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A first-class tea followed, and by 5 p.m. the troops were again embussed and out of Rothbury. At 9 p.m. some of our men were still cycling to their homes in the four corners of the county.

It says much for the spirit running through the Battalion that without the inducement of pay, our men cheerfully put in a 15 hours' day for the good of the cause.

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A happy and thoroughly satisfactory day.

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We are sorry to record that C.S.M. E. Bradford, P.S. Instructor of the Morpeth Company, has retired to civil life, after 22 years' service with the Regiment—the last five having been spent with the 7th Battalion. His loss will be badly felt, but we wish him and Mrs. Bradford a very happy and prosperous time in their retirement.

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C.S.M. Bradford has always upheld the best traditions of the FIFTH, and his smart and soldierly bearing has always been an example to his Company. It is easy to be smart when constantly under the eagle eye of Authority, but the soldierly spirit comes out in its true aspect when more or less removed from such authority—such as the Permanent Staff are at an outstation Drill Hall.

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On and off Parade, C.S.M. Bradford has always been that type of Fusilier we can all appreciate, and his own smartness commands a better effort in others.

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We extend a hearty welcome to his successor, Sjt. C. Cogan, from the 1st Battalion, who arrived on 1st February.

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Another very successful Tactical Exercise for Officers was held at Berwick over the week-end, 19th/20th March.

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Headquarters opened at the King's Arms Hotel at 7 p.m. on the Saturday, and after having exhausted the tactical and strategical possibilities of the England-Scotland Match over an excellent dinner, a short conference was held to go over the outline of the morrow's scheme.

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We were delighted to see Colonel Wright, who took charge of the operations, and hope that in future he will make a point of attending as many of these outings as possible.

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On the Sunday we proceeded to the battle-field, which lay round about Kyloe, a few miles to the south of Berwick.

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The scheme was a Flank Guard, and we all came away with some very realistic pictures in our minds.

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We broke up at Belford, where we congregated for tea and a final conference—after an excellent day from every point of view.

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Strength to-day 606 Other Ranks, plus a full complement of Officers.

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We are happy in the acquisition of yet another Company Commander of experience in Captain J. C. Carr-Ellison, who has assumed command of "C" Coy. at Amble. He served in the 1st Royal Dragoons from 1916 to 1922, and has the added advantage of living in the heart of our own country at Hedgeley Hall.

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We welcome him to the fold, and trust that he may spend many happy years with the Battalion.

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BERWICK DETACHMENT NOTES.

Recruiting has been very satisfactory of late, and we are up to full strength.

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The following Fusiliers have been appointed unpaid Lance-Corporals, from 10/2/27 :—

4263978 Fus. H. Barnett.
4264128 Fus. J. Ballantyne.
3183238 Fus. W. G. P. Matthews.
4263970 Fus. W. Rhind.
4264294 Fus. W. Robertson.
4264968 Fus. J. Shearlaw.
4265103 Fus. A. Storey.

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The Company was represented at the Annual New Year's Dinner given by the Depôt K.O.S.B., by C.S.M. P. Cole, and we are pleased to think that the relations between us are of so cordial a nature.

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We were also represented at the Annual Ball of the Kelso Platoon of the 4th Bn. K.O.S.B. on 22nd January, by Mr. Robson and R.Q.M.S. Hall and Mrs. Hall. These speak highly of the hospitality shown and the enjoyment of a splendid night.

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The Annual St. George's Ball for the Detachment will be run as usual this year, as near as possible to St. George's Day, and we should be glad if any Old Fusilier who would like to attend would communicate with us, when an invitation will be sent.

We hope to be able to welcome contingents from the different Companies.

NOTES FROM CHATTON.

We offer our congratulations to Sjt. R. White, of the Chatton Platoon, on his promotion to W.O. Class II. (C.S.M.), but regret his transfer to the Headquarters Company. We are sure he will continue to encourage the would-be recruit of Chatton and District to join the Chatton Army, which has done so well in the past.

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A happy party assembled at the Schoolroom, Chatton, on 24th January, the occasion being the Annual Ball.

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While the attendance was not so great as last year, it was most representative of past and present Fusiliers, and with the floor not so crowded the function was all the more enjoyable.

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Much of the success of the evening was due to the splendid programme of music provided by the Orchestra, under Band-master M. Moore, of the Battalion Band. Those present will not forget the hard work put in by this Orchestra—and the number of encores, readily responded to, fully demonstrated their popularity.

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The floor Committee, under C.S.M. White and Cpl. H. Rutherford, are to be congratulated on the way the Hall was decorated and for the general conduct of the dance, and once again they are responsible for organising a most successful annual event which helps to maintain the *esprit de corps* of the Territorial Army.

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Those present included :—Major H. R. Smail, T.D., Berwick ; Capt. and Mrs. Appleby, Harehope ; Lieut. M. Robson, Presson Hill, Kelso ; Lieut. V. Brown, Belford ; C.S.M. and Mrs. Cole, Berwick ; R.Q.M.S. and Mrs. Hall, Berwick ; Canon Long, Chatton ; Clr.-Sjt. J. Allen, Chatton ; Miss Mackenzie, Chatton ; Mrs. Williams, Berwick.

It was regretted that the Adjutant and Capt. A. J. K. Todd were unable to be present, but owing to the state of the roads it was impossible for them to make the journey.

Editorial Notes.

THE OLD MILL HOUSE,
PRESTON CROWMARSH,
NEAR WALLINGFORD,
March, 1927.

We are now in a position to supply Bound Volumes for the following years :—1890, 1891, 1895, 1896, 1897, 1899, 1901, 1921, 1922, 1923, 1924, 1925 and 1926. 10/- each.

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"Summer is icummin in, lude singe cuckoo." So wrote Chaucer, or was it Spenser ? No matter who the author of it was, the sentiment was more or less identical with the one which has doubtless inspired the N.A.A.F.I. to issue their Summer Sports Catalogue. Though the cuckoo has not yet made his irritating appearance, and the icy blast still searches out our weakest spots, the lengthening days must be reminding various individuals, and sports committees, that, in order to disport themselves adequately upon the greensward, their kit needs overhauling and replenishing. Here, therefore, is their chance to do so through their own canteen.

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We beg to call the attention of our readers to the Ball, which is to be held on the 21st April, at the Assembly Rooms, Newcastle-on-Tyne, in aid of the Northumberland Fusiliers Aid Society. It does not need our pen to acquaint 5th Fusiliers of the existence of and splendid work done by this Society. We do desire, however, to remind our readers that the state of things now present on Tyneside is desperate. Times are more than hard, and when times are bad on Tyneside many an old 5th Fusilier finds himself on the rocks. The annual income of the Aid Society soon becomes exhausted, and special efforts, such as this ball, are required to supplement the funds available. We therefore urge upon all to make a special effort to go to the Ball. If you cannot go to it buy a ticket for it. If you cannot run to a ticket send a donation to Lt.-Col. W. Platt, D.S.O., The Barracks, Newcastle-on-Tyne, who will send you tickets if required, or acknowledge your donation. Even a bob will help ! Two bob will help twice as much ! !

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It is with the keenest regret that we read in the 7th Battalion Notes of the death of Colonel Robert Scott. Many 5th Fusiliers must have come across "Bob" Scott in the old Militia days, and his death means the loss to the Regiment of one of its greatest friends in the county of Northumberland.

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The following *Gazettes* are at the Printers awaiting addresses having been returned by the Post Office as undelivered owing to addresses being unknown :—

Mrs. Harcourt-Vernon
Miss M. Crisp
Mrs. Henry Kilgour
Mr. M. Birtwhistle

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Subscriptions due in March :—

Lady Bertha Dawkins
Col. A. J. Foster, C.B.
Mrs. L. Gibson
Mrs. H. Kilgour
P.M.C., 2nd Bn.
Major K. G. Williams
Capt. E. H. Watson

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Letter to the Editor.

8, HIGHAM PLACE,
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE,
31st March, 1927.

To the Editor of "St. George's Gazette."

DEAR SIR,

The Executive Committee, Northumberland Fusiliers' Aid Society, desire to acknowledge with many thanks subscriptions, donations, etc., received between 1st January and 31st March, 1927, as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
Northern Ireland District Tattoo, through O.C., 1st Bn. 5th Fus.	100	0	0
Colonel D. Sapte	2	2	0
Capt. G. E. D. Waddilove	1	0	0
Col. W. H. W. Young	1	1	0
Col. E. W. Dashwood, C.B.E.	2	2	0
Major F. A. Cubitt	2	2	0
Hon. F. W. Lambton	1	0	0
Major E. G. Finch	1	1	0
Major G. M. Harding	1	1	0
Mrs. Cherry	1	1	0
Major H. H. Prideaux	1	1	0
Lt.-Col. B. Cruddas, D.S.O.	5	0	0
Major H. M. Heyder, M.C.	1	1	0
Capt. M. L. Sant	1	1	0
Mrs. Booth (in memory of A.W.C.B.)	2	2	0
Capt. H. C. Hall	1	1	0
Col. R. J. Roddam, O.B.E.	1	1	0
Lt.-Col. F. C. Turner, C.M.G.	1	1	0
Major C. E. Thornton, O.B.E.	3	3	0
Col. A. E. Whitaker, C.B.E., T.D., D.L.	5	0	0
Capt. J. H. L. White	1	1	0
Col. W. C. Wright	1	0	0
Lt.-Col. E. M. Moulton Barrett, D.S.O.	2	2	0
Brig.-Gen. F. C. Carter, C.B.	1	1	0
Major C. R. Freeman, D.S.O., M.C.	1	0	0
Brig.-Gen. F. L. Festing, C.B., C.M.G.	1	0	0
Major S. S. Flower, O.B.E.	3	0	0
Col. Hon. N. C. Gathorne Hardy, D.S.O.	1	1	0
Mrs. Harkness	1	1	0
Col. E. S. Heard	2	2	0
Brig.-Gen. C. H. L. James, C.B., C.M.G.	2	2	0
Brig.-Gen. Hon. C. Lambton, D.S.O.	5	5	0
Major G. R. F. Leverson, D.S.O.	10	0	0
Lt.-Col. Hon. M. O'Brien, M.V.O., D.S.O.	2	0	0
Col. G. A. Pagan	1	1	0
Col. H. R. Sandilands, C.M.G., D.S.O.	8	0	0
Col. J. A. C. Somerville, C.M.G., C.B.E.	1	1	0
Mrs. Carden	1	1	0
Col. T. W. C. Carthew	1	1	0
Brig.-Gen. W. H. Sitwell, C.B., D.S.O.	2	2	0
P.R.I., 2nd Bn. 5th Fusiliers	20	18	0
Ditto, proceeds of Concert	9	6	8
Mrs. Bigge	0	10	0
Brig.-Gen. B. T. Buckley, C.B., C.M.G.	4	4	0
Mrs. J. F. Riddell	3	3	0
Col. G. F. T. Leather	1	1	0
Mrs. Leather	1	1	0
Alfred Brewis, Esq.	2	2	0
Lord Armstrong	2	2	0
Major C. R Freeman, D.S.O., M.C. (2 parcels)	Clothing and boots		
Major J. F. Chenevix Trench, D.S.O. (2nd parcel)	Clothing		
Major K. Greville Williams, O.B.E., and Mrs. Greville Williams (3rd parcel)	Clothing, boots and toys		
Major G. M. Harding	Clothing		
Alfred Brewis, Esq. (2nd parcel)	Clothing and boots		
Col. H. R. Sandilands, C.M.G., D.S.O.	Clothing		
Mrs. S. S. Flower (5th parcel)	Clothing		

Yours very truly,
J. M. BETT (Lt.-Col.),
Secretary and Treasurer.

OLD COMRADES' ASSOCIATION NOTES.

We regret to have to report the deaths of two Old Comrades during the past month.

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Mr. S. Pitts, who served with the Regiment from 1914 to 1919, died at his home on 5th March. He was a most ardent member of the O.C.A., but owing to the ill-health from which he suffered he was unable to be present at our gatherings as often as he would have wished.

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Mr. N. Brydon died on 19th March, at the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, where he had been an inmate for some years. He served in the Regiment for 13 years, and was in possession of the Afghan Medal, 1878. Mr. Brydon was one of the original members of the O.C.A., of which he was a keen supporter, and was present at all, or nearly all, its gatherings and functions.

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Arrangements have now been completed for celebrating St. George's Day, 1927. These will take the form of a Dance, from 7 p.m. to 12 p.m., to be held at the Headquarters, the Corps of Signals (T.A.), at 51, Calthorpe Street, London, W.C. 1. Roses will be on sale, price 3d. each.

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On Sunday, 24th April, a parade will be held on the Horse Guards Parade, at 11.30 a.m. After forming up, the parade will march to the Cenotaph, on which Major-General T. D. Pilcher, C.B., will lay a wreath in memory of our Comrades who fell in the Great War. At the conclusion of this ceremony members may proceed to the Headquarters, Corps of Commissionaires, which has been placed at our disposal by the kind permission of the Commandant of the Corps. New members will be enrolled there.

ARMY OFFICERS' ART SOCIETY.

The above Society was founded in 1925 by the late Lt.-Col. A. F. Owen-Lewis, D.S.O., Green Howards, in order to afford to Officers holding or having held a permanent commission in the Regular Army or Royal Marines, and interested in, or practising, any form of Art, an opportunity of getting into touch with one another and of exhibiting their work once a year in a leading London Art Gallery.

Two Exhibitions have already been held and have proved successful. A considerable number of Sales were effected on each occasion, and the proceeds of the Exhibitions after payment of expenses were handed over to F.M. Earl Haig's Fund for Ex-Service Men. £46 19s. 4d. was handed over to this Fund as the proceeds of the last Exhibition.

An Exhibition will be held next October in new Galleries now in course of construction in Burlington Gardens.

The election of members is vested in the Committee, who may require candidates to submit examples of their work. These need not necessarily be framed, and can therefore be sent without difficulty from any part of the world.

The Annual Subscription is £1 5s., which entitles a member to exhibit four works free of further charge. Two more may be admitted on payment of a hanging fee of 5s. each.

Officers interested are invited to communicate with the Hon. Secretary, 2, St. Leonard's Terrace, Chelsea, S.W. 3, who will be pleased to answer any enquiries and to forward a copy of the Rules and List of members.

R. H. W. WILSON, Lt.-Colonel,
Chairman of Committee.
F. A. WILKINSON, Major, *Hon. Secretary.*

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SERVICE FILMS.

By "Advance Screen."

"SECOND TO NONE."

A film of the Senior Service which has been completed and will be released soon is the Britannia picture, "Second to None."

The theme is expressed in Kipling's lines :—

"The game is more than the player of the game,
And the ship is more than the crew."

The story itself is touchingly human, is lit throughout with gleams of real humour, works steadily up to its climax, where the hero sacrifices himself to keep the flag flying. The producer had the great advantage of having the whole-hearted co-operation of the Admiralty in making the film, and there is nothing faked in the magnificent pictures of battleships at sea, and the tensely dramatic and gripping scenes which show a gun crew in hot action with shells bursting over and about them, men falling wounded and dead, while the survivors struggle doggedly to keep their gun in action. It has often been said that the screen can never depict war as it actually is : but here one can certainly say is war at sea as near to the real thing as it is possible to get—so near in fact that the expert can see no flaw in the presentation or its realism.

In a prologue to the war story we see the two children who afterwards grow up to be hero and heroine of the war period. The acting of the two children is something entirely creditable to the British art, and I fancy that there are few who will not feel some of the finest and most touching parts of the whole story are in these childhood scenes, and especially in the complete surrender of a whole battleship's crew to the charms of the eight-year-old girl picked up at sea. "Second to None" well justifies its title on the British screen.

FORTHCOMING FILMS.

No new Service films have recently been released, but a number of interesting future productions have been announced, begun, or completed.

AIR WAR.

An announcement has just appeared in one of the London dailies that proposals have been put before the Air Ministry with regard to the making of a film of the War in the Air, and according to report, a very elaborate film is contemplated and would be of historical rather than a fictional picture. Since the report, however, has not been officially confirmed, I am unable at the moment to say anything further about it except that in my own opinion there is the makings of a very fine and thrilling picture in the deeds of the Air arm.

"THE WHITE CHATEAU."

A bare report has been made that a film under this title is to be written and produced from the play of the same name, which was broadcast some time ago by the B.B.C. It is the first instance of a wireless play being adapted for the screen, or, for the matter of that, for the stage either I believe. If it takes the same lines as in the wireless, and is not—as so often happens—distorted to a new story, the film will give a story of "the next war," when again an invading army will descend on the White Chateau which has come through many wars for many centuries in "the cockpit of Europe."

"THE SOMME."

This is to be a purely historical film made by the *New Era* firm on the lines of "Mons," "Ypres," "Zeebrugge," and others of the same type. Regimental histories and official war records are being gone through very carefully to obtain the correct details of the various actions throughout the six months' battle of the Somme, and it is planned to make the picture this summer. The director is Captain Geoffrey Barkas (the director of that fine Empire film "Palaver," recently reviewed), and Boyd Cable, author of many war stories, is collaborating. The major difficulty about the Somme film will not be to find striking material to depict, but to cram even a fraction of the outstanding events into the compass of a two-hour show.

"THE OLD CONTEMPTIBLES."

The *New Era* have also announced their intention to produce another War film this year, entitled "The Old Contemptibles," from an original story by Boyd Cable. While some of the characters may belong to fiction, the background of the story will be the epic tale of the Regular Army in 1914.

"BLIGHTY."

A "home-front" war film which at first was announced under the title, "Apres le Guerre" but is now to be called "Blighty," has been completed, but has not yet been trade-shown. For the moment it is enough to say that it deals with the period of the war and that its scenes are laid in England. A great deal of trouble has been gone to in order to secure accuracy of the historical facts of the outbreak of war, even to the extent of obtaining (with considerable difficulty) newspapers of August, 1914, actual recruiting posters used, and so on.

The caste and staff connected with the production have a strong Service flavour.

Jameson Thomas, who plays the leading part of a chauffeur who obtains a commission and marries his employer's daughter, served throughout the whole of the war as Gunner and N.C.O. in the R.H.A. in India and Mespot., finishing his military career as Sergeant-Major.

Wellington Briggs, who plays an important part, served as Major in the Army Service Corps, and was formerly an officer in the Blues.

Others of the caste are also ex-Service, and the studio management of Piccadilly Pictures, the producing company, is strong in Service connection.

Mr. Harold Boxall, Studio Manager, served in the 10th Essex, first in the ranks, and latter with a Commission, and was awarded the Military Medal; Norman Walker, Assistant Director, was a Captain in the South Lancs., attached to the King's African Rifles; Jack Cox, Cameraman, served with the London Scottish through the War, first in France, later in the East; Arthur Matthews (Chief Property) and Jack Ramsay (Assistant) in France with the London Regt., and in the Royal Navy, respectively; S. C. Balcon (Floor Secretary) in France as Captain in the Royal Warwickshire Regt.; Tod Rich, Editor, in France with a Commission in the Royal West Kents.

While these were amongst those specially connected with the "Blighty" film, others in the firm can parade a very good showing of Military Service. R. P. Baker, Secretary of the Company, rose from the ranks of the Essex Yeomanry to a Commission in the London Regt.; W. J. O'Bryen, Publicity Director, Captain in the Royal Warwickshire Regt., gained M.C. with 2 bars, Croix de Guerre, and two mentions in despatches; Bertram Evans, Art Director, served as Sergeant in the Motor Transport of the Army Service Corps.

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"ST. GEORGE'S GAZETTE."

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1926.

Liabilities.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Creditors—		
Subscriptions paid in advance ..	51 0 8	
Printing, Blocks, etc.	52 18 5	
Sundries	2 8 11	
Amount due to Editor for services rendered to date	449 6 10	
		555 14 10
Income and Expenditure Account—		
Balance as at 31st December, 1925	887 17 8	
Add: Profit for year ending 31st December, 1926, from Income and Expenditure Account	237 9 11	
	1,125 7 7	
Less: Amount due to Editor under an approved agreement for services rendered from 1916 to date ..	449 6 10	
		676 0 9
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EXTRACTS FROM *The London Gazette*:—

COMMANDS AND STAFF.

Col. C. M. A. Wood, C.M.G., D.S.O., retires on ret. pay (dated 12th March). (The notification in the *Gazette* of 11th March regarding Col. C. M. A. Wood, C.M.G., D.S.O., is cancelled.)

REGULAR BATTALIONS.

MEMORANDUM.

Q.M. and Lieut. J. H. Maynard, North'd. Fus., is granted the rank of Captain (dated 18th April).

SUPPLEMENTARY RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

North'd. Fus.—2nd-Lieut. J. R. Boon, M.M., to be Lieut. (dated 28th March).

TERRITORIAL BATTALIONS.

7th Bn.—The announcement regarding 2nd-Lieut. B. Hair which appeared in the *Gazette* of 25th March is cancelled.

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Regimental Notes.

1ST BATTALION NOTES.

BALLYKINLAR,
April, 1927.

The most important events to record during the past month is the Trooping of the Colours on St. George's Day. The ceremony took place again this year on the football ground, and was witnessed by a large and appreciative gathering.

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The weather was fine, but a cold wind made it rather unpleasant for some of the spectators.

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We were all very pleased that the Colonel of the Regiment was able to be with us again this year, and also to welcome Colonel H. R. Sandilands and Captain C. E. Hamilton, home on leave from West Africa.

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The Prime Minister of Northern Ireland and Viscountess Craigevon honoured us with their presence, and afterwards stayed to luncheon, together with a large number of friends of the Officers.

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The following wrote regretting their inability to be present :—Their Graces the Governor of Northern Ireland and the Duchess of Abercorn, the Duke and Duchess of Northumberland, the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Newcastle, and the Lord Bishop of Newcastle.

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During the day a large number of telegrams was received from past and present Officers and friends of the Regiment. We wish to thank the following for their " good wishes " :—The 2nd Battalion, the 4th Battalion, the 5th Battalion, the 6th Battalion, the 7th Battalion, and the Depôt ; Capt. M. Blackett-Ord, Col. C. G. C. Money, Lt.-Col. H. S. Ainslie, Major G. W. Lawson, Mr. H. N. Hopper, Capt. F. C. Prickett, Lt.-Col. and Mrs. A. C. Hardman Jones, Major J. N. Thomson, Major A. P. Garnier, Col. D. S. Stewart, Major A. M. Gibbs, " Old Comrades," London, Capt. G. J. W. Gatehouse, Lt.-Col. and Mrs. S. H. Enderby, Capt. T. H. Scanlan, Brig.-Gen. T. L. H. Armstrong, Lt.-Col. W. H. Holdsworth Hunt, Lt.-Col. and Mrs. F. C. Turner, Major B. E. Hervey Bathurst, " The Best Folk," Newcastle-on-Tyne, Col. and Mrs. E. B. Gordon, Lt.-Col. F. R. I. Athill, Mrs. W. C. Clifford, Captain and Mrs. G. E. Fenwick, The Rev. Clark, Lt.-Col. E. L. Salier, Lt.-Col. E. S. Heard, Capt. D. D. Rutherford, Air-Commodore and Mrs. I. M. Bonham Carter, Capt. L. Sant, The Rev. Hutchings, Col. C. M. A. Wood, Brig.-Gen. the Hon. C. Lambton, Brig.-Gen. and Mrs. C. Yatman, Col. W. C. Wright, Lt.-Col. W. P. Rushbrooke, Capt. E. G. Pease, Col. and Mrs. A. C. Girdwood, Lt.-Col. G. R. F. Leverson, Major and Mrs. H. C. Stephen, Major and Mrs. B. T. St. John, Major and Mrs. Greville Williams, Lt.-Col. R. H. Lamb, Capt. and Mrs. English, Royal Society of St. George, Major and Mrs. A. L. Holderness, Lt.-Col. W. H. Wild, Major W. C. H. Sarel, Capt. and Mrs. H. O. Sutherland, Col. and Mrs. Griffin, Col. W. E. Sturges, Col. E. W. Dashwood, Major C. E. Thornton, Major G. S. A. Douglas, Col. J. A. C. Somerville, Capt. E. Dorman Smith, Major R. T. K. Auld, Brig.-Gen. B. T. Buckley, Mr. W. P. Jones, Mrs. Armstrong.

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The following extract from the *Belfast News Letter* is reprinted. A number of press photographers were very busy during The Troop, and also afterwards. It is hoped to publish some of the photographs next month :—

" The picturesque and impressive ceremony of Trooping the Colours by the 1st Bn. Northumberland Fusiliers took place at Ballykinlar Camp on Saturday. This Regiment—the famous ' Fighting Fifth '—observes St. George's Day in this manner every year, and the event is eagerly looked forward to by all ranks and by those who are fortunate enough to receive invitations to be present. There is probably no military parade to equal in stately ceremonial or impressiveness the Trooping of the Colours, and when it is carried through with the precision which characterised the work of the Northumberland Fusiliers on Saturday it is a truly memorable spectacle.

" The weather was favourable, and the proceedings took place in bright sunshine, which added to the enjoyment of all present. Everyone was impressed by the steadiness of the Battalion on parade, its superb marching and drill, and the smart, well set-up appearance of the troops. The setting for the ceremony was ideal—a great open space as smooth as a tennis court, with flags marking off various positions, and in the background the lordly Mourne range, with Slieve Donard towering above.

" With the Colours proudly displayed, the Battalion looked splendid as it advanced in review order for the general salute, which was taken by Major-General F. F. Ready, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., Commanding Northern Ireland District. The salute at the march past was taken by Major-General Sir Percival Wilkinson, K.C.M.G., Colonel of the Regiment.

" Since its formation in 1674, the ' Fighting Fifth ' has been stationed eleven times in Ireland. Previous sojourns in Ulster included 1772–1773, when Companies were quartered at Gilford, Lurgan, Armagh, Hillsborough, Newry and Killyleagh. At this time the Regiment was engaged in suppressing the " Hearts of Oak Boys." The next stay was from 1785–1787, when the most memorable incidents were the service rendered by men of the Battalion in extinguishing a fire in Belfast, for which they received the thanks of the mayor of the day, and the presentation of new Colours, which took place in the old parish church in 1786. Fifty-six years elapsed before the Regiment again came to Ulster, Belfast and Enniskilling having the honour of housing it in 1843–4, while Newry was its headquarters in 1886–7. This last visit included the period of the Belfast riots, during which two Companies of the Regiment were called out in support of the civil powers, and received the thanks of the city for the second time.

" The Battalion, about 400 strong, every member wearing red and white roses in his cap, and with the same emblems garlanding the Colours and decorating the drums, marched on to the parade ground with its fine band playing a lively tune. When it formed into line the Colours, in charge of two serjeants, with double sentries, were placed in front of the left of the Battalion. The third Colour, known as the Drummer's Colour, which is always carried by the smallest boy of drummers, was in charge of Boy Cantwell, who took up a position in front of the saluting base. This Colour, it is interesting to note, has been carried by the Regiment since the Battle of Wilhemstahl.

" THE PARADE.

" Everything was now in readiness for the actual ceremony, and on the stroke of noon the Flag of St. George was broken on the mast. The parade which had been in charge of R.S.M. Rowsell was taken over by the Adjutant (Lieut. W. N. C. Crawhall), the other Officers joined their Companies, and Major

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R. M. St. J. Booth, D.S.O., took command. Marching in slow time, the Band and Drums traversed the length of the parade ground twice to the march of 'St. George,' and subsequently breaking into quick time to the inspiring air, 'The Old and Bold,' marched to where the Colours were stationed and back again.

"When the 'Drummers' Call' was sounded, Band and Drums formed in mass, and the Lieutenant in Command of No. 2 Company (Lieut. C. E. Beckwith) took over the escort for the Colours from the Captain of No. 1 Company (Capt. B. R. Newstead, D.S.O., M.C.), and with the Band and Drums in front the escort moved out to take over the Colours to the tune of the "British Grenadiers," which is the regimental march. The Colours were then handed over by the Regimental Serjeant-Major to 2nd-Lieutenants R. S. N. Clarke and W. F. Laing; the Royal Salute was played, and the Colours were carried in a slow march along the front and through the Battalion, which was standing at the Present, whilst the Band played the 'Grenadiers' March.'

"When the Colours and the escort had arrived back at their places in the line, the Battalion was formed up for the march past in column of Companies. They came along at a fine swinging pace, keeping a perfect line, every N.C.O. and man evidently taking a pride in his work—a credit to themselves and worthy of the best traditions of the famous old Regiment. The salute was taken by Major-General Sir Percival Wilkinson.

"Line was once more formed, and the Commanding Officer, Lt.-Col. W. N. Herbert, C.M.G., D.S.O., was in command when the Battalion advanced in review order. Major-General Ready took the general salute, and the picturesque ceremony concluded with the Colours being marched off the parade ground and lodged in form in the Officers' Mess."

BOXING NOTES.

As anticipated, the boxing for the Inter-Company Team Championship Hart Shield reached a very high standard. Each Company fielded a full team of 8 Other Ranks. On Tuesday, 19th April, at 8.30 p.m., the first pair were in the ring, and the semi-finals were fought off that night. From beginning to end the fighting was hard and keen, no one expected or gave any quarter.

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End of first evening the scores were as follows:—

	Points.
"W" Company	12
"X" Company	11
"Y" Company	12
"Z" Company	13

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The draw and results are as under:—

First Series, Welter-Weight "B."

Fus. McGrother, "Y" / Fus. Kane, "Z" → Kane, "Z"

Fus. Miller, "X" / Fus. Marshall, "W" → Miller, "X"

Kane, "Z" / Miller, "X" → Miller, "X"

First Series, Feather-Weight.

Fus. W. H. Smith, "X" / Fus. Collighan, "Z" → Collighan, "Z"

Fus. Murr, "Y" / Fus. Gibbons, "W" → Gibbons, "W"

Collighan, "Z" / Gibbons, "W" → Collighan, "Z"

First Series, Light-Heavy-Weight.

Fus. Sherburn, "Z" / Fus. T. Smith, "W" → Sherburn, "Z"

Fus. Craig, "Y" / Fus. Turnbull, "X" → Craig, "Y"

Sherburn, "Z" / Craig, "Y" → Sherburn, "Z"

First Series, Bantam-Weight.

Fus. Holdsworth, "Y" / Fus. Seymour, "X" → Seymour, "X"

Fus. Kirton, "Z" / Bdsmn. Anderson, "W" → Anderson, "W"

Seymour, "X" / Anderson, "W" → Seymour, "X"

First Series, Catch-Weight.

Cpl. Purcell, "Z" / Lce.-Cpl. Larkman, "X" → Purcell, "Z"

Lce.-Cpl. Stockton, "Y" / Fus. S. Johnson, "W" → Stockton, "Y"

Purcell, "Z" / Stockton, "Y" → Stockton, "Y"

First Series, Middle-Weight.

Lce.-Cpl. Power, "W" / Fus. Good, "X" → Power, "W"

Cpl. Naylor, "Y" / Fus. Cornwall, "Z" → Naylor, "Y"

Power, "W" / Naylor, "Y" → Naylor, "Y"

First Series, Welter-Weight "A."

Fus. Colley, "X" / Fus. Sharpe, "Z" → Colley, "X"

Fus. Spowart, "W" / Fus. Travers, "Y" → Spowart, "W"

Colley, "X" / Spowart, "W" → Colley, "X"

First Series, Light-Weights.

Cpl. Hackett, "Z" / Fus. Simpson, "W" → Hackett, "Z"

Cpl. Roper, "Y" / Lce.-Cpl. Sparton, "X" → Roper, "Y"

Hackett, "Z" / Roper, "Y" → Roper, "Y"

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On the following evening the finals were fought off, and the issue was in doubt right up to the end. Nine boys entered for three Boys' Weights, and gave us all a splendid show of grit and determination. The draw and results of the Boys' Competition is appended:—

Boys' Individual, 6 st. 11 lbs. and under.

Boy Whitehouse / Boy Whittaker → Boy Whitehouse

Boy Brewster = bye

Boy Whitehouse / Boy Brewster → Boy Whitehouse

Boys' Individual, 7 st. 12 lbs. and under.

Boy Byrne / Boy Jarrett → Boy Byrne

Boys' Individual, 9 st. 9 lbs. and under.

Boy Smith / Boy Cantwell → Boy Cantwell

Boy Walsh / Boy Ambury → Boy Walsh

Boy Cantwell / Boy Walsh → Boy Cantwell

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Final result of Hart Shield Competition :—

	Points Gained.	Points for Champion Coy.
" W " Company	16	0
" X " Company	17	6
" Y " Company	19	12
" Z " Company	20	18

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We must take this opportunity of congratulating all the competitors, who all reached a high standard in boxing, and especially for the hard, clean hitting and great determination of all.

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Also we wish to congratulate " Z " Company for winning the Shield again, and " Y " Company for thoroughly extending them. All the fights can be summed up in two words—" RED HOT."

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On Thursday, the 21st April, we fought off the Hart Cups.

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This also produced hard-hitting bouts, and although not reaching the high standard set in the Shield competition, it was a great improvement on previous years.

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The reason being that there were 11 new entries who had not represented their Companies in the Hart Shield ; but these men all proved their worth for future teams. Draws and results appended.

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HART CUPS.

Individual.

Welter-Weight.

Fus. J. Ford, Fus. Morton } Morton

Fus. King, Fus. Colby } Colby

Morton, Colby } Sharpe

Fus. Gordon, Fus. Sharpe } Sharpe

Fus. West = a bye

Sharpe, Sharpe } Sharpe

Light-Weights.

Fus. Hardingham, Fus. Chapman } Hardingham

Fus. W. Smith, Fus. Marshall } Smith

Hardingham, Smith } Smith

Feather-Weight.

Cpl. Ross, Fus. Rowe } Ross

Fus. Gibbons = a bye

Ross, Ross } Ross

Bantam-Weight.

Fus. Green, Fus. Kirton } Fus. Green

Middle-Weight.

Lce.-Cpl. Stockton, Fus. Colligan } Lce.-Cpl. Stockton

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The Hart Cups were spoilt considerably by following immediately upon the Hart Shield, but at the same time this brought forth more fresh blood, and we must thank them for maintaining the very high standard set on the previous two nights.

RUGBY NOTES.

We are very pleased to be able to report that during the last month the Inter-Company Rugby League has once again become a part of our annual competitions. Several close matches resulted. Some promising material was discovered. Although many of the players were lacking in technique, they amply made up for it by their keenness. It is proposed to commence these games earlier next year, so we have a chance to build up what we hope will be a good Regimental side. The results were as under :—

" Z " Coy. *v.* " W " Coy.	15 points—4
" Y " Coy. *v.* " X " Coy.	8 points—3
" Y " Coy. *v.* " W " Coy.	3 points—nil
" Z " Coy. *v.* " X " Coy.	20 points—nil
" W " Coy. *v.* " X " Coy.	15 points—nil
" Z " Coy. *v.* " Y " Coy.	9 points—3

" Z " Company thus won the League.

ATHLETIC NOTES.

In order to encourage Other Ranks to turn out and train for the various athletic events, a meeting is held on Thursday evening of each week, between 5.15 and 6.15, when two events, under handicap, are competed for. The prizes take the form of medals, which are presented at the end of each month. The results of all events which have taken place to date are appended :—

First Week, 100 *Yards handicap.*

1, Fus. Humphrey, " Z " Coy. (Medal).

Second Week, 100 *Yards handicap.*

1, Fus. Miller, " X " Coy. (Medal) ; 2, Fus. Keith, " Y " Coy

Second Week, 1 *Mile handicap.*

1, Fus. Darragh, " X " Coy. (Medal) ; 2, Lce.-Cpl. Ashton, " Z " Coy.

Third Week, 380 *Yards handicap.*

1, Lce.-Cpl. Ashton, " Z " Coy. (Medal).

Third Week, 220 *Yards handicap.*

1, Fus. Miller, " X " Coy. (Medal) ; 2, Lce.-Cpl. Scanlon, " X " Coy.

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It is hoped that during the next couple of months that Companies and the H.Q.W. will make full use of the running track and athletic gear for the purposes of holding Inter-Platoon (or Inter-Group) and Company individual sports prior to the Battalion Individual Sports and the Inter-Company Sports. It is also hoped that it will be found possible to enter a team for the Army Championship this year. There will also probably be several entries of the Army Individual Sports. The N.I.D. Athletic Meeting is taking place in September,

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Individual Garrison Sports, Easter Monday.

On the afternoon of Easter Monday, there was an Individual Atheltic Meeting which was open to all members of the Garrison. Considering the number of persons who were away on week-end leave, the number of competitors was very satisfactory. We were glad to have entries from "C" and "D" Companies of the 1st Battalion The Durham Light Infantry, and their representatives, as will be seen below, carried off several prizes. Unfortunately, owing to a short storm, the start of the Sports was delayed, but a long programme, which eventually terminated at 5.30 p.m., provided entertainment for some three hundred spectators.

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These notes would be incomplete without paying a tribute to the hard work carried out by Cpl. Sharp, Fus. Arthurs, Fus. Macdonald, Fus. Turnbull, and Fus. Ellison in preparing for the meeting, in the very short time at their disposal. Our thanks are also due to the small band of volunteers who assisted to prepare the track, and also to "pack up" at the conclusion.

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A list of Officials and programme, together with results, is appended :—

Officials.

Referee—Lt.-Col. W. N. Herbert, C.M.G., D.S.O., O.C. Troops, Ballykinlar.
Chief Judge—Capt. E. C. M. Buckley.
Starter—Lieut. C. F. C. Carr-Ellison.
Whippet Race Handicapper—Lieut. C. F. C. Carr-Ellison.
Whip—Lieut. C. W. Holdsworth Hunt.
Whip's Orderly—Fus. Arthurs.
Starter's Orderly—Fus. Turnbull.
Chief Judge's Orderly—Fus. Macdonald.

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PROGRAMME AND RESULTS.

100 *Yards.*—1, Lce.-Cpl. Hartopp, 1st Bn. D.L.I. ; 2, Lce.-Cpl. Power, 5th Fus. ; 3, Fus. Miller, 5th Fus.

Long Jump.—1, Lce.-Cpl. Stobbert, 5th Fus. (20 *ft.* 3 *in.*) ; 2, Cpl. Russell, 5th Fus. (18 *ft.* 7 *in.*) ; 3, Fus. Miller, 5th Fus. (18 *ft.* 3 *in.*).

880 *Yards.*—1, Pte. Peacock, 1st Bn. D.L.I. ; 2, Cpl. Ross, 5th Fus. ; 3, Sjt. Mason, 1st Bn. D.L.I.

Putting the Shot.—1, Lce.-Cpl. Stobbert, 5th Fus. (34 *ft.* 11 *in.*); 2, Fus. Sherburn, 5th Fus. (32 *ft.*) ; 3, Cpl. Russell, 5th Fus. (27 *ft.* 5 *in.*).

220 *Yards.*—1, Lce.-Cpl. Hartopp, 1st Bn. D.L.I. ; 2, Lce.-Cpl. Power, 5th Fus. ; 3, Pte. Peacock, 1st Bn. D.L.I.

Pole Jump.—Fus. Sherburn, 5th Fus., walkover.

High Jump.—1, Cpl. Purcell, 5th Fus. (4 *ft.* 10 *in.*) ; 2, Lce.-Cpl. Power, 5th Fus. (4 *ft.* 10 *in.*) ; the former won the "jump off."

One Mile.—1, Cpl. Ross, 5th Fus. ; 2, Lce.-Cpl. Ashton, 5th Fus. ; 3, Pte. Peacock, 1st Bn. D.L.I.

Throwing the Hammer.—1, Lce.-Cpl. Stobbert, 5th Fus. (94 *ft.* 5 *in.*) ; 2, Lce.-Cpl. Power, 5th Fus. ; 3, Fus. Miller, 5th Fus.

Whippet Race (*Open handicap*), 150 *Yards.*—The following five started :—

Fus. Bane's "Wee Sandy"	.. ..	Scratch.
Whippet Club's "Happy Fanny"	.. ..	19 yds.
Cpl. Ross's "Sandy Girl"	.. ..	25 ,,
Cpl. Russell's "Speed King"	.. ..	30 ,,
Lce.-Cpl. Crudgington's "Orange Lad"	..	35 ,,

The race was won by "Happy Fanny," but the handsome Challenge Cup and Medal were awarded to Cpl. Ross's "Sandy Girl," "Happy Fanny" being the property of the Whippet Club. Our thanks are due to Lieut. C. F. C. Carr-Ellison for presenting the Challenge Cup and also for his untiring efforts in looking after the interests of the Club.

440 *Yards.*—There were no entries for this event. This was probably due to a heavy "April shower" intervening.

Dribbling a Football.—This competition, which was in the hands of Lieut. C. H. Bolster, proved to be very popular, and attracted no less than forty-four entries. 1, Fus. Hartley, 5th Fus. ; 2, Cpl. Smart, 5th Fus. ; 3, Fus. Loughlin, 5th Fus. All three of the above are members of "Z" Company.

Boys' Race—100 *Yards.*—1, Boy Cantwell, 5th Fus. ; 2, Boy Ambury, 5th Fus.

Old Soldiers' Race—100 *Yards, handicap by years of service.*—1, Cpl. Hackett, 5th Fus. ; 2, Cpl. Ross, 5th Fus. ; 3, Lce.-Cpl. Knapp, 5th Fus.

Serjeants' Race—100 *Yards, handicap by years of service.*—1, R.Q.M.S. Capstaff, 5th Fus. ; 2, Sjt. Mullyer, 5th Fus. ; 3, Lce.-Sjt. Locke, M.M., 5th Fus.

Sealed Handicap, 440 *Yards.*—Although this event was the last one on a long programme, and although it was raining at the time, it attracted some 25 entries. 1, Dmr. Watson, 5th Fus. ; 2, Fus. Harris, 5th Fus. ; 3, Fus. Holmes.

Special prizes were awarded to the following who ran :—Master Capstaff, Master Hullyer, Master Hobbs.

No times were recorded.

N.I.D. Bronze Medal Tournament.

The above Tournament took place in the first week in April. Teams from the Fifth were entered for the Inter-Unit Team Bayonet Fencing Championship, and for the 110 and 130 st. Tug-of-War.

In the bayonet-fencing, teams were entered from the following Units :—5th Fusiliers, 1st West Yorkshire Regt., 1st Bn. D.L.I., and 1st Bn. Sherwood Foresters.

We were drawn against the D.L.I. and defeated by them, losing 11 fights to their 7. Owing to the short time we have been at bayonet fighting, this result was not unexpected. The team nevertheless have no reason to be ashamed of themselves and put up a good show. Their form this year showed considerable improvement on last year's. In the final the Sherwood Foresters just beat the D.L.I., after a close struggle. The following represented the Fifth :—Lieut. Carr-Ellison, Lieut. Yorke, C.S.M. Ratcliffe, Sjt. Chapman, Cpl. Ross, Cpl. Tingey, Fus. Wynn, Lce.-Cpl. Crudgington, Lce.-Cpl. Power, Lce.-Cpl. Ward, Fus. Chambers, Fus. Urwin, Fus. Green, Fus. Denton, Fus. T. Smith, Fus. Jennings, Fus. Taylor, Fus. Brockless.

Both the Tug-of-War teams again won without any difficulty. In no pull at all did the rope ever start to go in the opposite direction, and they therefore maintained their record of never having had an inch of rope taken off them in Northern Ireland.

In the 130 stone competition only two teams were entered, ourselves and the West Yorkshire Regiment. Our team was two stone heavier, appeared to be fitter, and was obviously more experienced. They won in two straight pulls. The team consisted of :—Lieuts. Beckwith, Carr-Ellison and Bolster ; Lce.-Cpls. Stobbart, O'Hara, McHale, Thompson ; Fuslrs. Parker, Sherburn, Craig.

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In the 110 stone competition four teams were entered. We were drawn against the West Yorkshire Regiment in the first round. Both pulls were over in a very few seconds and the rope never stopped.

In the final we pulled the Sherwood Foresters in two straight pulls, they having beaten the D.L.I. in the semi-final. Although this was a little harder than against the West Yorkshire Regiment, our team again won in two straight pulls without any difficulty.

Both teams thus qualify for Olympia, where we hope for better luck this year.

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POINT-TO-POINT.

On 9th April, the Co. Down Stag Hounds held their Point-to-Point at Ballyhaft. The last race of the day (for a Cup presented by the G.-O.-C.) being open to Officers serving in the Northern Irish District.

A field of 11 faced the starter, of which the Regiment had four representatives, as follows :—

Major Chenevix-Trench's "Judy," ridden by Mr. Laing.
Capt. Seth Smith's "Canbuttry," ridden by owner.
Capt. Seth Smith's "Tall Story," ridden by Mr. MacMuller.
Mr. Butterfield's "Samson," ridden by the owner.

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"Canbuttry" started a hot favourite, but was brought down after going about a mile. "Tall Story" and "Samson" also came to grief when about a mile from home.

"Judy," ridden by Mr. Laing, ran very well, and without making a mistake occupied fourth place, the race being won by Major Harrison, R.A.V.C., on his "Hilda's Birthmark."

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On 13th April, Mr. MacMullen rode Mr. C. D. Wilson's (D.L.I.) "Alice Fizz" in the Ballyards Cup at Armagh.

After a good race he finished third.

SERJEANTS' MESS NOTES.

Since our last notes the 2nd Billiard Handicap has been completed.

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The results were as under :—

Second Round.

HANDICAP.	NAMES.	ACTUAL SCORES.
150 B. ..	Lce.-Sjt. Hobbs beat	350
10 S. ..	Mr. Craven	163
20 S. ..	R.Q.M.S. Capstaff beat ..	180
30 S. ..	Sjt. Hurt	109
30 S. ..	Q.M.S. (O.R.S.) Gale beat ..	170
60 B. ..	Lce.-Sjt. Locke	229
20 B. ..	Mr. Sutton beat	220
110 B. ..	Mr. Flatcher	234
60 S. ..	Lce.-Sjt. Dennis beat ..	140
100 B. ..	R.S.M. Rowsell	182
150 B. ..	Sjt. Wixon beat	350
110 B. ..	Mr. Williams	296
50 S. ..	Sjt. Moore beat	150
Scratch. ..	Sjt. Gibbons	177
20 S. ..	Sjt. Crawley beat	180
10 S. ..	C.S.M. Blakey	189

Third Round.

HANDICAP.	NAMES.	ACTUAL SCORES.
30 S. ..	Q.M.S. (O.R.S.) Gale beat ..	170
20 S. ..	Sjt. Crawley	96
150 B. ..	Sjt. Wixon beat	350
20 S. ..	R.Q.M.S. Capstaff	132
150 B. ..	Lce.-Sjt. Hobbs beat	350
20 B. ..	Mr. Sutton	192
60 S. ..	Lce.-Sjt. Dennis beat ..	140
50 S. ..	Sjt. Moore	141

Semi-Final.

150 B. ..	Lce.-Sjt. Hobbs beat	350
60 S. ..	Lce.-Sjt. Dennis	129
150 B. ..	Sjt. Wixon beat	350
30 S. ..	Q.M.S. (O.R.S.) Gale	140

Final.

150 B. ..	Sjt. Wixon beat	350
150 B. ..	Lce.-Sjt. Hobbs	215

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Unfortunately it has only been possible to hold one of our usual Whist Drives.

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The prize-winners on this occasion being :—

LADIES.	GENTLEMEN.	
1, Miss Cavill	1, Sjt. Chapman	after a tie.
2, Mrs. Rowsell	2, Sjt. Smart	

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It is regretted that more news cannot be given for this issue, but it is hoped that full particulars of the St. George's Day parade and functions will be given in the next issue.

"PACKY."

CORPORALS' CLUB NOTES.

April, 1927.

April has broken forth upon us with its plentiful showers and dots our camp with its beautiful silvery lakes which give a beautiful effect on our natural landscape during sunshine, and have a sweetening effect on the nerves of the midnight wanderer.

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Father now holds the reins of office, and with his commands we are to lose our canine friends. In the future members may sit in the chairs which were originally provided for that use. "Wads" may be consumed without the ever-watchful eye noting our movements of rapid disposal.

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"Nitty" has returned from leave, and is beguiling his time doing Company Training.

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We admire his sentiments, but cannot control the language to convey to our readers the impressions he leaves upon our members.

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We regret having to announce the departure of Cpl. J. Smart to the Depôt. His place in the fold and sports field will be hard to fill. However, our loss will be a gain to the Depôt.

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A select band have begun a "Brussell Sprouts League," and the "finger growers" are becoming quite noticeable.

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We understand that Jeff acts as president, and Mutt takes the role of adjutant.

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Any members may join this select band who have the following qualifications:—Three years' service, assumed manhood, who thinks he has a chance to be chosen in marriage, who can produce one-fifth of an inch in a week and be the owner of a safety razor.

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We congratulate "Wall Eye" on his suggestion for larger quarters, as it has long been the feeling of the members that larger quarters for the fold should be acquired.

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Congratulations to Cpls. Naylor and Walley on their promotion to this rank.

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We welcome Lce.-Cpls. Muchiallia and Latimer to the fold, and we hope that their presence among us will be one of long happiness and joyful times.

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On St. George's Day the Fold were at home to enjoy the pleasures of their own little nest.

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The married members were the homeliest, for which the writer can vouch.

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Being a married man himself, and hearing the "whails" of his fellow comrades (equally situated) as to how St. George's Day was spent in the olden days.

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On the whole, the day proved to turn out just as eventful as in previous years, and the corks will be useful to the Mess waiter for lighting the fires.

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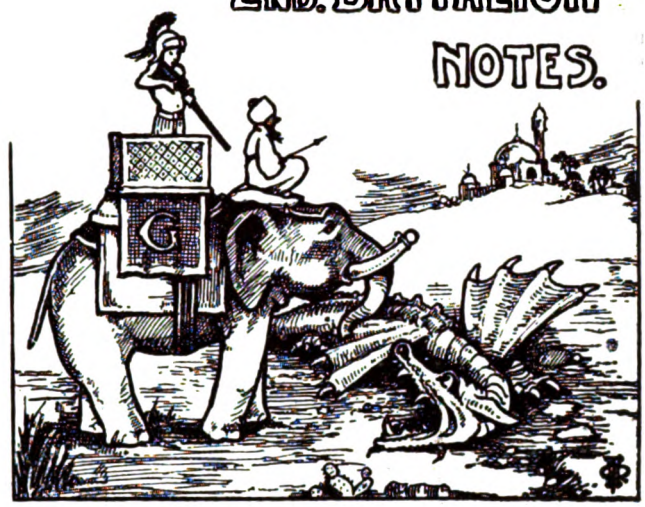
We concluded our Regimental Day by attending a Dance of Honour given by the members of the St. George's Lodge, R.A.O.B.

"HUTTIE."

2ND. BATTALION NOTES.



NOWSHERA,

March, 1927.

Training has largely given way to sport since our return from Jallozai manœuvres, and except for Table "B," the Cadre and Young N.C.O.'s Class, we have been chiefly occupied with Regimental Sports and various District Competitions.

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We got into the final in both football and hockey—in both, but for the unexpected loss of form shown by our teams, we should have been successful.

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In boxing we scored a well deserved success, and have won the District Competition.

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The Peshawar District Sports took place only five days after our return from manœuvres; our results were disappointing—they would have been a good deal better had the competition been run on usual team lines.

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The sports were combined with an assault-at-arms, and included musical ride by the 5/6th Dragoons and musical drive by the 60th Field Battery R.A., and an interesting drill by 2/5th Mahrattas, in the uniform of 1799; and last, but not least, our Drums gave a display.

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Other very good performances were the demonstration in arms drill by a recruit squad of the 10/11th Sikhs, and that of the Guides in P.T.

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On 3rd March, "B" Squadron of the 5/6th Dragoons at Risalpur held their annual sports and invited their opposite number, to wit "B" Coy., 5th Foot, to give them a pull in the tug-of-war.

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They also very kindly provided a mounted event (and the mounts) especially for us, so that our horsey men could show off their equestrian attainments. The *entente* had already been initiated by games of football held in the intervals of camp training, consequently we did our best to find a tug-of-war team that could give them a decent pull.

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Unfortunately inoculation the previous day flattened out most of our regular tuggers, and even their substitutes were feeling rather cheap. The victory of the Dragoons therefore was easier than it otherwise might have been.

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The mounted event, musical chairs, proved a great attraction. Over forty said that they were lovers of horses, and put their names down.

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Inoculation again thinned out the number, and only eleven hardy survivors actually threw a leg over (or had a leg up on to) their horses. The latter lived up to their reputation as noble animals and treated their riders kindly, so that our performance was quite creditable.

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Adhering to a bare backed horse tries a part of the anatomy and leg muscles that are not used in ordinary foot slogging.

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Fus. Santon was the winner, with Carpenter and Clarke in close succession. The steed of the last-named emphatically refused to be dragged up to a sack which did not interest him.

2ND BATTALION BOXING TEAM.

WINNERS PESHAWAR DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP, 1926-27.

Back Row.—Bdms. Burns (Winner Heavy-weight), Fus. Catterick (Semi-finalist, Welter-weight), Fus. Murphy (Winner, Middle-weight), Sgt. Earl (Trainer), Fus. Cross (Semi-finalist, Light-weight), Drm. Crispin (Reserve), Drm. Hayton (Finalist, Light Heavy-weight).

Front Row.—Fus. McMullen (Semi-finalist, Fly-weight), Fus. Phillips (Finalist, Feather-weight), Fus. Oakes (Winner, Bantam-weight), Cpl. Jacobs (Semi-finalist, Light-weight).

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It was a very enjoyable afternoon, and we are most grateful to "B" Squadron for their kind hospitality, which included unexpected prizes for the finalists in the musical chairs and for our tug-of-war team.

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On the 9th March, "B" Squadron hockey team came over to Nowshera to give us a game. Our own ground being impossible, it had been arranged to play on the Brigade ground. A little rain fell before the match, but luckily not enough to spoil the game. A well-fought drawn game gave both sides a good appetite for tea, and about thirty of the Dragoons stayed for the Company Whist Drive and Dance at night.

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Now we are hoping to fix up a return football match with them, and to make up, if possible, for the beating we sustained in our last match at Risalpur.

REGIMENTAL SPORTS.

Band Race.—1, Boy Harding; 2, Boy Lee; 3, Boy Tappenden.

100 *Yards.*—1, "A" Company (Cpl. Wooll, Fuslrs. Burn, Bloomfield and Cooper); 2, "B" Company; 3, "C" Company; 4, "D" Company. *Time*, 46 *secs.*

880 *Yards.*—1, "C" Company (Fuslrs. McCarthy, Havelock, Rollo and Trotter); 2, "A" Company; 3, "D" Company. *Time*, 9 *mins.* 55⅕ *secs.*

Putting-the-Shot.—1, "B" Company (Fuslrs. Murphy and Langley); 2, "C" Company; 3, "A" Company.

220 *Yards.*—1, "A" Company (Cpl. Wooll, Fuslrs. Hayton, Bloomfield and Burn); 2, "B" Company; 3, "C" Company. *Time*, 1 *min.* 48 *secs.*

High Jump.—1, "D" Company (Fuslrs. Watson and Rutter); 2, "A" Company; 3, "B" and "C" Companies (tied).

Mile.—1, "C" Company (Fuslrs. Caygill, Rollo, Trotter and McCarthy); 2, "A" Company; 3, "D" Company. *Time*, 5 *mins.* 10⅕ *secs.*

Hurdles.—1, "D" Company (Cpl. Hills, Lce.-Cpl. Rutter, Fuslrs. Watson and Edgar); 2, "A" Company; 3, "B" Company.

Tug-of-War.—1, "B" Company; 2, "C" Company.

440 *Yards.*—1, "A" Company (Cpl. Wooll, Lce.-Cpl. Bland, Fuslrs. Allen and Middleton); 2, "D" Company; 3, "B" Company. *Time*, 4 *mins.* 10⅕ *secs.*

Long Jump.—1, "C" Company (Fus. Kelly, 20 ft. 2¼ in.; Fus. Allen, 18 ft. 9 in. = 38 ft. 11¼ in.); 2, "A" Company; 3, "D" Company.

Three Miles.—1, "C" Company (Fuslrs. McCarthy, Caygill, Longstaff and Taylor).

Indian Platoon Race.—1, Sepoy Audaraj Singh; 2, Sepoy Bharat Singh; 3, Sepoy Jugapal Singh.

POINTS FOR CHALLENGE CUP.

"A" Company	31
"C" Company	27½
"D" Company	23
"B" Company	22½

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BATTALION CROSS-COUNTRY RUN.

RESULTS.

First man home—Fus. Venerables, "A" Coy. *Time*, 17 *mins.* 45 *secs.*

Second man home—Sjt. Fairley, "D" Coy. *Time*, 18 *mins.*

Third man home—Lce.-Cpl. Wilkinson, "C" Coy. *Time*, 18 *mins.* 5 *secs.*

Fourth man home—Drummer McCarthy, "C" Coy. *Time*, 18 *mins.* 10 *secs.*

Fifth man home—Fus. Callahan, "A" Coy. *Time*, 18 *mins.* 15 *secs.*

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POINTS FOR TEAMS.

1, " C " Company	.. .. ..	12,955
2, " A " Company	.. .. ..	11,535
3, " B " Company	.. .. ..	8,081
4, " D " Company	.. .. ..	5,558

DEPÔT NOTES.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE,
23rd April, 1927.

What a pity it is that the ex-Fusiliers who call upon their old Regiment for help cannot see more of the efforts to assist them, of those who are not actually in the Regiment. Could they but look, for instance, into the old Assembly Rooms, on the morning or afternoon of the Aid Society Ball, and see Mrs. " Bob " Stephenson and the other ladies who help her at work on the decorations, they would come away with a still greater appreciation of the spirit of those who are not Fusiliers, or at any rate not Fusiliers in the same sense that Phœbe Hessell was !

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The fact that they are all given does not make the work of arranging, carrying and grouping of thousands of flowers any lighter, but it might be called a labour of love. It doesn't take an ex-Fusilier, however, to know that when a labour of love ends in one's hands being completely spoilt, as one thinks, for the Dance, it becomes a very great sacrifice. Not everyone will realise that it is an honourable mark, but anyone who danced last Thursday night with a girl with green hands was most singularly honoured !

It would be an education in itself, too, to those who have not yet had the luck to serve at the Depôt, if they were to see the unobtrusive work done by our Territorial brethren and the people of our county to make the Ball a success. There are many kind people in Northumberland, and they have the satisfaction of knowing that their kindness has made the Ball an even greater success than usual, and in a year when the promoters of other balls under-estimated their generosity and would not embark on their annual ventures.

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The members of the Serjeants' Mess held St. George's Ball on Friday night. So we were able to dance, drink, or buck in the great Day, according to inclination and service. Which St. George's Ball will be the best—that of 1827, 1927, or 2027 ? Who knows, or cares ? This year's was enhanced by the presence of Brigadier-General and Mrs. Yatman, just as others have been by equally welcome guests of honour.

Photo] [*E. W. Gosman.*

THE OFFICERS AND GUESTS.

When will weather prophets realise that one St. George's Flag over England on St. George's Day has twice as much value as a rain preventer than twenty depressions over Iceland have as rain promoters ? There may have been a little humidity in the atmosphere perhaps during the march past, but as it was completely ignored it cannot be said to have existed at all.

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The Depôt paraded in line at 9.35, and was inspected by Brigadier-General C. Yatman, C.M.G., D.S.O. The inspection was followed by a march past in column, after which the Depôt formed up in line and advanced in review order. The Depôt Staff, January Squad, and a few men of the not yet formed April Squad are all we have here at present, but what we lacked in numbers we believe we made up for in the smartness of our

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turn-out and drill. We produce photographic evidence of this, and challenge any other formed body of troops to show a similar

Photo] [*E. W. Gosman.*

BRIGADIER-GENERAL C. YATMAN, C.M.G., D.S.O., INSPECTING THE DEPÔT STAFF.

picture of General Yatman inspecting them *and* smiling upon them with such obvious delight at their appearance.

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After the advance in review order the Brigadier presented the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal to Sjt. Marrs, whom we congratulate heartily on behalf of all ranks at the Depôt on having earned it so well.

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Then followed our usual march through the City. First of all to the South African Memorial, where a wreath was laid by the Brigadier-General. Then to St. Nicholas Cathedral, where a short service was held and where we listened once more to Canon Newsome's ever fresh sermon on the highest meaning of St. George's Day to us as soldiers. A wreath was laid on the sill of the window which commemorates those of the 1st and

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PRESENTATION OF LONG SERVICE AND GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL TO SERGEANT MARRS.

2nd Battalions who fell in the Great War. At the City Memorial, in Eldon Square, the Lord Mayor, followed by Brigadier-General Yatman, laid wreaths from the County City and the County Regiment, and we then completed our march back to barracks.

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The Lord Mayor visited dinners, and afterwards the Officers entertained both him and the Lady Mayoress, the Sheriff and Mrs. Dalgleish, and Brigadier-General C. Yatman, C.M.G., D.S.O., and Mrs. Yatman, and the following, to luncheon :— Col. and Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Bennett, Lt.-Col. and Mrs. Bett, Capt. Blackett-Ord, Lt.-Col. and Mrs. Cruddas, Mr. Flower, Capt. Fryer, Capt. and Mrs. Gatehouse, Col. and Mrs. Gibson, Mrs. Harwood, Mrs. Hasted, Mr. Hobbs, Major and Mrs. Holderness, Capt. and Mrs. Leese, Capt. Jennings, Capt. Malcolm, Col. and Mrs. Morant, the Officers, Depôt D.L.I., Mrs. Platt, Col. Roddam, Col. and Mrs. Rogers, Capt. Trenam, Mrs. Waight, Mrs. Wombwell, Miss Wombwell.

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We must take the opportunity of congratulating Mr. and Mrs. Prophet and the rest of our Mess staff on the excellence of the luncheon, and the way in which it was served, especially as it was the first time that we had entrusted the arrangements

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THE DINING HALL AND DINING HALL ORDERLIES. "ST. GEORGE'S DAY."

to them and not to a firm of caterers. We must also thank the men who came in as additional waiters and those of the Durham Light Infantry especially.

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Lt.-Col. A. D. S. Rogers, T.D., very kindly gave permission for the Band of the 6th Battalion to play for the parade, the march through the City, and during luncheon. Our thanks are due to him once again, and to Mr. Crosse and the Bandsmen themselves, for the great part they played in making the day the success which it was.

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During the day greetings were received from the following :— 1st, 2nd, 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th Battalions, Major Auld, Air Commodore and Mrs. Bonham Carter, Frank A. Cubitt, Lt.-Col. Forsyth, Capt. G. J. W. Gatehouse, Col. and Mrs. E. B. Gordon, Col. and Mrs. Hardman Jones, Col. Heard, Mr. Hopper, Col. Lamb, General Lambton, Old Comrades, London, Fus. Sowerby, Major and Mrs. Stephen, Major and Mrs. St. John, Col. Stewart, Col. Sturges, Capt. and Mrs. Sutherland, Major Thornton, Col. and Mrs. Turner, Mr. Charles Wood.

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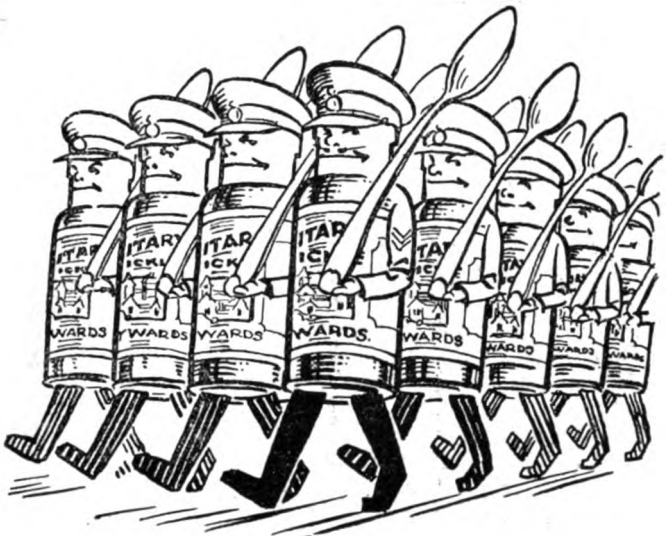

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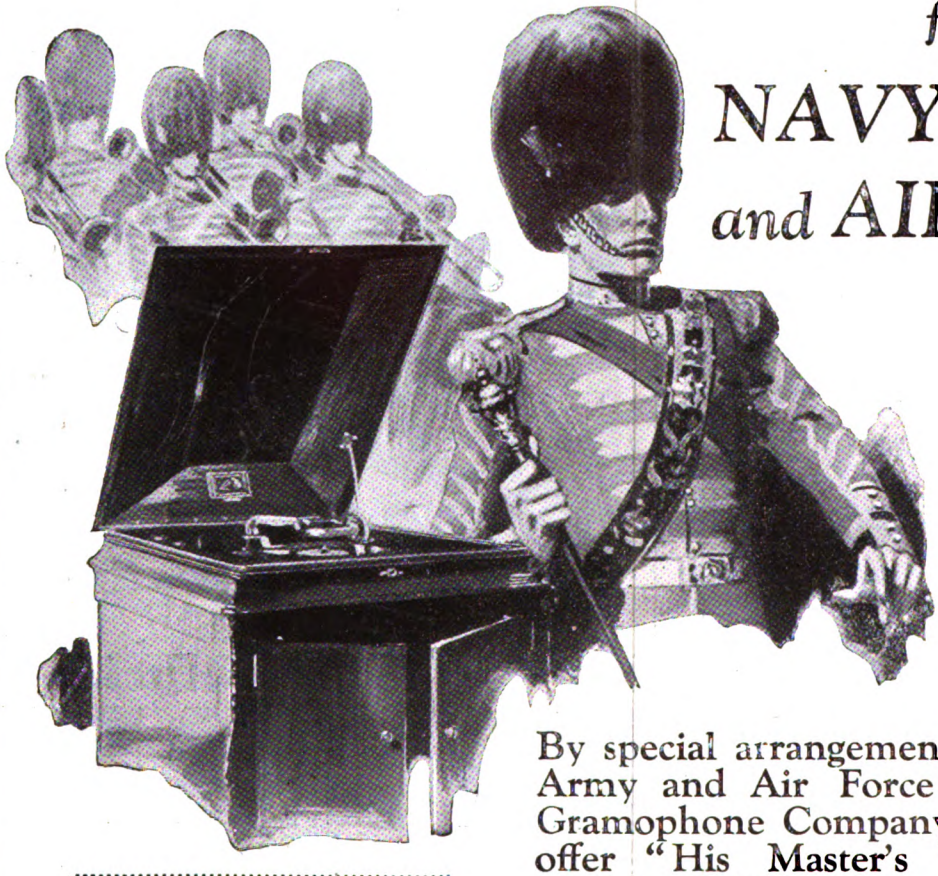

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It was a great pleasure to all of us here to see Brigadier-General and Mrs. Yatman again, and their presence at St. George's Ball obviously delighted the Old Fusiliers who were there as well. Besides taking part in the ceremonies we have already mentioned, Brigadier-General Yatman was the guest of the 6th Battalion at dinner on the night of St. George's Day. He afterwards went on to the 16th Service Battalion's Re-union Dinner, presided over by Col. W. H. Ritson, C.M.G., who commanded the Battalion when it went out to France in 1915, in General Yatman's Brigade, the 96th.

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We welcome Mr. B. T. C. Pringle on arrival from the 2nd Battalion, as Mr. Earle's successor.

BOXING NOTES.

Congratulations to January Squad on retrieving a good deal of our honour in the Inter-Depôt Boxing ring. After a large number of defeats, it was good to see the boxers of our only squad put up such a good show against the three squads of the Durham Light Infantry, especially as we had invited such a large number of Territorial Officers to see them do it. In fairness to our opponents, however, we must state that the Durham Light Infantry let us pick the men whom we wished to enter, and then found boxers to meet them, which naturally gave us a great advantage. Capt. Price, M.C., of The Welch Regiment, Superintendent of P.T., Northern Command, kindly came up to referee.

4TH (T.A.) BATTALION NOTES.

NEWBURN-ON-TYNE,

26th April, 1927.

The annual St. George's Day Dinner for Officers and ex-Officers of the Battalion was held at Tilley's Restaurant on Friday, 22nd April, and a very enjoyable evening was spent at which Col. A. J. Foster, C.M.G., C.B.E., Hon. Colonel of the Battalion, was entertained as the guest of honour. We were pleased to see the following old Officers of the Battalion :—Col. R. H. Robb, Major W. E. Stephenson, Capts. Speke, Carrick, Stephenson and Plummer.

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The annual Church Parade, on Sunday, 24th April, was held at Newburn Church. After the service, which was conducted by the Rev. C. Milner, the detachment marched to the Newburn War Memorial, where a short service was held and a wreath was laid by the Serjeants of the Battalion.

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On the way back the Detachment marched past Col. A. J. Foster, C.M.G., C.B.E.

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On arrival at the Drill Hall, Col. Foster gave a short address, expressing his pleasure at seeing so many of his old friends present, and complimenting the Detachment on their smart turn-out, and the strength of the parade.

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Telegrams were received from the following :—1st Bn., 2nd Bn., Depôt, 5th Bn., 6th Bn. and 7th Bn., and the Editor, *St. George's Gazette*.

PRUDHOE DETACHMENT NOTES.

PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS.

No. 4264387 Cpl. M. Yielder, appointed Lce.-Serjeant.
No. 4263526 Lce.-Cpl. E. Fenwick, promoted Corporal.
No. 4262934 Fus. J. A. Newton appointed Lce.-Corporal.
No. 4264848 Fus. N. Tiffin appointed Lce.-Corporal.

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We have to welcome Mr. L. P. Boss, who although not posted yet, has made our acquaintance, and we trust will prove a worthy member of the "Guards."

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We are pleased to note that the Newburn Artist has come to life again. It would be so nice if he could draw us a little sketch of a piece of country, and put in some troops and some houses and a river or so flowing in the right direction—we could then cut out the sketch and carefully keep same in our A.B. 153 for future reference !

SERJEANTS' MESS NOTES.

On the 23rd inst. the Annual Dinner was held, many of the past members were present.

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Toasts by R.S.M. S. C. Clarke, R.Q.M.S. P. Connell, ex-Clr.-Sjt. W. Cameron and ex-Sjt. R. Elliott.

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After the dinner a very enjoyable evening was spent in the Mess. Below are a few items of the programme :—

"Silent Song"	C.S.M. L. Stuart
"Four little fingers and a thumb"	Mr. R. Elliott
"Silent Recitation"	C.Q.M.S. T. Brown
Recitation, "Green Eye of the Yellow God"	Sjt. R. Cowans
"The Rose of No Man's Land"	Sjt. J. T. Calligan
"I'm on the Road to Anywhere"	Mr. J. Parkins
"The Monarch of the Wood"	R.Q.M.S. P. Connell
"Humorous"	Mr. M. Dixon
"When I was a School Girl"	Sjt. J. Gilholme
"Eileen"	Mr. A. Logan
"Leicester Square"	R.S.M. S. C. Clarke
"The Coachman"	Mr. J. Wakefield
"Moth Eaten Monty"	R.Q.M.S. Cowans, R.A.M.C.
"Transport Serjeant"	Sjt. S. Veitch
"John Peel"	Mr. W. Jobson
"Light of my Life"	Mr. J. Downie
"Memories"	Mr. A. Logan
"Nita"	Mr. S. Hall
A Duel of Jokes	R.S.M. S. C. Clarke Mr. M. Dixon

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Thanks to the Committee for the arrangements made, and how they were carried out.

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5TH (T.A.) BATTALION NOTES.

WALKER-ON-TYNE,
April, 1927.

One more highly successful St. George's Day—in fact four days—has passed by, and everyone is now convalescing.

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The Aid Ball took place on the 21st April, in the Old Assembly Rooms at Newcastle-on-Tyne. The Colours of the Depôt and the Territorial Battalions, with their escorts, added a picturesque background to the ball-room, wherein pirouetted many gallant Officers of all the Services, with their charming ladies.

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The Battalion Serjeants' Ball was held at Walker on the 22nd April, and was highly successful. A large contingent of Officers of the 4th Battalion put in an appearance about 11 p.m. This contingent appeared to be spending the night flitting from one Dance to another. They left us about 1 a.m. on St. George's Day, *en route* for the Depôt.

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The Officers' Dinner was held at Walker on St. George's Day —again a highly successful event. The Band played selections during the evening and looked very smart in their new white pouches, etc.

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The Mess looked like being wrecked at one time during the night, but strong counter-attacks by a "Mess Preserving Party" prevented any great damage. Amongst those present at dinner were:—Major-General F. A. Dudgeon, C.B.; Col.-Commandant H. H. S. Morant, D.S.O.; Col. A. J. Foster, C.M.G., C.B.E.; Brevet-Col. A. Irwin, D.S.O., T.D.; Major P. P. Phillips; Major the Rev. H. G. H. Shaddick, O.B.E., T.D.; Major A. C. Stephenson, M.C.; Major R. Gibson; Capt. A. K. Wardroper, Capt. H. V. Adams, Capt. G. Pickering; F. Heppel, Esq.; L. Ward, Esq.; Capt. T. A. Johnson; J. Dotchen, Esq.

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The Commanding Officer and the Adjutant lunched at the Depôt on St. George's Day—an extra preparation for the Dinner in the evening.

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The Annual Church Parade was held at Walker on Sunday, the 24th April, when 17 Officers and 252 Other Ranks took part.

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An appropriate sermon was given by the Senior Chaplain of the 50th Division, Major the Rev. H. G. H. Shaddick, O.B.E., T.D. After the service the Battalion marched to the War Memorial in Walker Park, where the Commanding Officer laid a wreath.

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There is a recruiting march on Thursday, the 28th April, and it is hoped some recruits will be attracted as we are 100 under strength—this being largely due to the abolition of the bounty; but now that a modified bounty has been instituted we hope our numbers will increase somewhat.

6TH (T.A.) BATTALION NOTES.

ST. GEORGE'S DRILL HALL,
NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE,
27th April, 1927.

Although training has followed its ordinary routine, the last month seems to have been one orgy of entertainments and feasts.

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We presume it is no use our blaming our Patron Saint and his Dragon for this. In fact, one is more inclined to thank whoever it was who made St. George the patron saint of the Regiment, with its consequent inspiration and assistance to a proper *esprit de corps*.

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The celebrations began with a Ball in the Old Assembly Rooms, Newcastle, on Thursday, the 21st inst., in aid of the funds of the Fusilier Aid Society, which was an unqualified success, and it was well supported by the Officers of the Battalion, who supplied both the Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer of the Ball Committee in Capt. T. P. Parmeter and Capt. F. C. Clayton. We understand, as the result of the Ball, the funds of the Society will be greatly enhanced.

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On St. George's Day, the 23rd April, there was no formal parade, but the Officers dined together in Mess and had, as guests, Brig.-Gen. C. Y. Yatman and Lt.-Col. W. Platt, Commanding the Depôt, as well as many other distinguished visitors.

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After dinner everyone joined in the Ball got up for the men of the Battalion, at which there must have been an attendance of some 300–400. Great credit is due to Lieut. and Q.M. Ousman and R.S.M. O'Hara for their excellent arrangements, which were better than they have ever been before, and the Ball, on all hands, was voted a great success.

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On Sunday, the 24th, there was the usual Church Parade at the Cathedral, and there was an attendance of 417 on parade, including every serving Officer, and, in addition, three former Colonels of the Battalion attended the parade, namely Col. W. H. Ritson, C.M.G., Lt.-Col. G. R. B. Spain, C.M.G., and Brevet-Col. E. Temperley, D.S.O.

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After the service, at which the Rev. Canon Osborne was the preacher and during which the St. George's hymn was sung with zest, accompanied by the Battalion Band under Bandmaster W. A. Crosse, the Officers entertained some 60 guests to lunch. These included the Lord Mayor of Newcastle (Capt. A. W. Lambert, M.C., himself a Fusilier) and the Sheriff, Mr. R. S. Dalgleish.

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On Monday, the 25th, the Serjeants gave their Annual Dance at the Grand Assembly Rooms, and there were present over 200 couples, and the Ball was lead off by Lt.-Col. A. D. S. Rogers, T.D., the Commanding Officer, and Mrs. Hoggins, the wife of C.S.M. A. Hoggins, the Hon. Secretary of the Ball Committee.

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The Ball was a great success in every way, and carried out in the usual first class style associated with our Serjeants'

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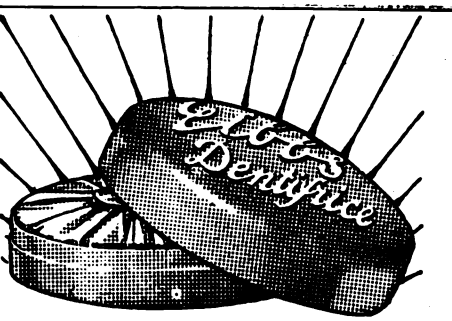

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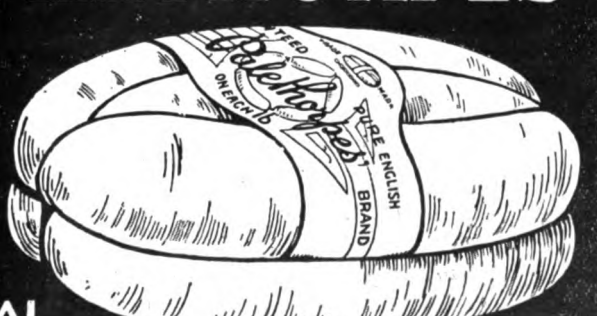

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Mess. We were very pleased indeed to see our old Adjutant, Major J. H. Gordon, M.C., T.D., who never fails to support us on these festive occasions, accompanied by his wife, even although it means a journey from far Aberdeen.

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On Tuesday, the 26th, the Annual St. Julien Dinner was held at St. George's Drill Hall, when there was again a big beat-up of all ranks. This re-union dinner, of which Major J. L. Lovibond is President, who we congratulate on getting through his recent operation necessitated owing to the wound that he received at the Battle of St. Julien, was organised by our Drum-Major, B. Snowdon, and was in every way a successful re-union.

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In turning to the realm of sport, we have to congratulate Mr. Gardner on his reaching the final in the Newcastle Squash Racquet Championship for the Wilkinson Cup, he being beaten by Mr. J. C. F. Simpson, the present amateur racquet champion, in a good struggle. Mr. Gardner also got into the final of the Northern Command for the same sport.

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We also have to congratulate our Second-in-Command on his final performance in again winning the Morpeth Hunt Sweep stakes and beating 9 light-weights and giving them 2 stones in weight.

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We welcome to the Battalion Mr. R. E. B. Mortimer, late of Harrow School, who is a nephew of one of our old Officers, 2nd-Lieut. E. Mortimer, who was killed at the Battle of St. Julien in 1915. We wish him a pleasant and successful sojourn with us.

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On St. George's Day we lent our Band to play the Depôt down to the Cathedral, thus again trying to emphasise that co-operation in all things is well.

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In case these notes reach the eyes of the rank and file, we should like to emphasise the remarks of the Colonel at the conclusion of the Church Parade, when he said it was up to everyone to get further recruits of the right class. The juggling with the "bounty" has had a detrimental effect at present, as only 8 recruits have been attested since the War Office issued this order. We cannot, however, think that £ s. d. is going to influence men who really wish to join us, in making their decision. The spirit of a Territorial Battalion solely rests on the efficiency, *esprit de corps*, and general patriotism of its members, and we feel sure that the excellent remarks of the C.O. will bear fruit immediately.

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The following are the final results of the Inter-Shooting and Billiard Leagues:—

INTER-COMPANY'S SHOOTING LEAGUE, 1926–27.

	P.	W.	L.	PTS.
"C" Company ..	8	7	1	14
"B" Company ..	8	5	3	10
H.Q. Wing	8	3	5	6
"D" Company ..	8	3	5	6
"A" Company ..	8	2	6	4

INTER-COMPANY BILLIARD LEAGUE.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	PTS.
H.Q. Wing ..	8	3	–	5	11*
"C" Company ..	8	5	2	1	11*
"D" Company ..	8	3	2	3	9
"B" Company ..	8	1	4	3	5
"A" Company ..	8	1	5	2	4

* Higher margin of scores.

7TH BATTALION NOTES.

ALNWICK,
26th April, 1927.

April notes are written under the traditional April conditions, with the beating of drums and the sound of revelry ringing in our ears.

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St. George's Day, 1927, finds us in great form, full to establishment in Officers and very nearly so in men, and the spirit animating the Battalion is excellent.

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The seasonal celebrations of the Feast of St. George opened with "B" Company at Ashington on Easter Sunday, when the Band led a full muster to Church. "A" Company, at Morpeth, with the Drums to assist, and supported by the Mayor and Corporation, Boys' Brigade, Boy Scouts and Girl Guides, attended Church on Sunday, 24th April, and were complimented by Col. Wright on their excellent turn-out. A wreath was laid on the War Memorial by Capt. Watson, and another by the Mayor of Morpeth. After Parade, Col. Wright presented the Long Service and Efficiency Medal to Sjt. Howey. "D" Company, at Berwick, on the same day, attended Church, accompanied by the Mayor and Sheriff and local civil authorities, and later laid wreaths on the War Memorial. The Regimental Band, under Bandmaster Moore, led the Parade. Those of us who were privileged to be present will long remember the moving and inspiring address delivered at the War Memorial by the Sheriff—Lt.-Col. W. B. MacKay, C.M.G., T.D., who served during the war as M.O. to the Battalion.

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Those of us who could attended and were thrilled by the Aid Society Ball at Newcastle on the 21st. We hope the financial results will exceed all records.

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Many of us, too, attended the service and parade at Newcastle on St. George's Day, and renewed our friendships and pride of Regiment.

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St. George's Day Greetings were received by wire from the following:—1st, 2nd, 4th, 5th and 6th Battalions, Depôt, and Editor, *St. George's Gazette*.

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To-night (26th April) we hold our Regimental Dinner in Alnwick, when 40 of us meet to dine out Co. Wright—but more of that anon.

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Musketry starts seriously this week-end, with "A" Company in camp at Moorlaws, and week-end camps will continue

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throughout the season. In addition the section leaders of each Company are assembling in turn at Alnwick for concentrated training.

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Our strength to-day is 20 Officers and 600 Other Ranks.

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The following promotions and appointments have been made :—

No. 4260133 C.Q.M.S. J. Stevenson, " A " Coy., promoted Warrant Officer, Class II., Company Serjeant-Major, with effect from 1/4/27.

No. 4259643 Lce.-Cpl. W. Banks, " A " Coy., promoted Colour-Serjeant, C.Q.M.S., with effect from 1/4/27.

No. 4258712 Lce.-Cpl. A. Howey, " A " Coy., promoted Serjeant, with effect from 1/4/27.

The following Corporals are promoted Serjeants, with effect from 1/4/27 :—No. 4260723 W. Fletcher, " A " Coy. ; No. 4260036 J. Costella, " A " Coy. ; No. 4262611 H. Rutherford, " D " Coy.

The following Fusiliers were appointed unpaid Lance-Corporals, with effect from 1/4/27 :—No. 4265614 W. Morralle, " D " Coy. ; No. 4262078 W. Smith, " D " Coy. ; No. 4264276 R. Watson, " D " Coy. ; No. 4262606 J. W. Henderson, " D " Coy.

No. 4261941 Lce.-Sjt. J. E. Guy, " C " Coy., promoted Serjeant, with effect from 1/4/27.

No. 4383142 Cpl. J. Hogg, " C " Coy., appointed unpaid Lce.-Serjeant, with effect from 1/4/27.

The following Fusiliers were appointed unpaid Lce.-Corporals, with effect from 1/4/27 :—No. 4264675 J. Wardell, " C " Coy. ; No. 4263506 G. Burn, " C " Coy. ; No. 4263508 W. Edminson, " C " Coy.

The following were promoted Corporal, with effect from 1/4/27, to complete Establishment :—No. 4261950 Lce.-Cpl. G. Hetherington, " A " Coy. ; No. 4265040 Fus. F. Hall, " A " Coy. ; No. 4530031 Fus. P. Hennessey, " A " Coy.

" A " COMPANY NOTES.

This month we welcome Capt. E. H. Watson, from Ashington, as our new Company Commander, he having changed places with Capt. Ledgerwood. We regret parting with the latter, but the change is made in the interests of all concerned.

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We held a very successful St. George's Ball on Friday evening, the 22nd April.

" B " COMPANY NOTES.

On 30th March the Company said " Farewell " to C.S.M. A. Timbers, who has joined the 1st Battalion in Ireland, after a long stay with the 7th. A Smoking Concert was arranged for the occasion, at Newbiggin, and this was a great success. Credit is due to Sjt. Luke for organising the programme, and Sjt. Smailes ably assisted with the refreshments. The Company turned out well. Our new Company Commander, Capt. Ledgerwood, as also Capt. Watson, were amongst those present. During the evening a presentation of a gold watch was made to C.S.M. Timbers by C.S.M. Ritchell, on behalf of the Company, as a token of remembrance ; and C.S.M. Timbers replied in a short farewell speech.

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We are extremely sorry to lose such a fine instructor, and splendid example of what a " Fusilier " should be. No little credit is due to C.S.M. Timbers for the present state of " B " Company, and it must be a matter of considerable pride to him to think of his very successful period of duty at Ashington. He was very popular with all ranks, and never let an opportunity of improving the efficiency of his Company slip without turning it to good account.

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On Sunday, 17th April, " B " Company celebrated St. George's Day by having a Church Parade. The Company was well represented on parade, and the turn-out was highly satisfactory. The Band, under Bandmaster Moore, played to and from Church, and also played during the Service. After the Parade, the Adjutant, Capt. Trenam, presented the Long Service and Efficiency Medal to No. 4259763 Fus. T. Waddle, he having completed 15 years in the Territorials.

" D " COMPANY NOTES.

Drills for the Detachment are now in full swing, and everyone is keen on doing his best before the Annual Training.

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Twelve Section Leaders made the journey to the Depôt at Newcastle on the 3rd inst., to undergo a week's training under the expert tuition of the Instructors there.

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A splendid week was spent, and all agreed that the time allotted was too short.

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We understand that they made a good show and fully demonstrated that the type of Section Leader is still as good as ever.

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On the 19th inst. the Detachment Football Team were drawn against the Berwick Albion in the first round of the Infirmary Cup, and after a very hard game were beaten by 2 goals to 1.

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The team which was drawn from Berwick, Chatton and Belford played very well indeed, and considering that this is the first time that they have played together it was a very creditable performance.

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The team we were drawn against have played together the whole of the season, and is one which looks like going a long way in the competition.

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The billiard table is now installed at the Hall for the use of all, and we are sure that it will be appreciated by all.

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Preparations are well in hand for our Annual St. George's Ball, which takes place on the 27th inst,

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Editorial Notes.

THE OLD MILL HOUSE,
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We received telegrams of greeting on St. George's Day from the 1st Bn., 2nd Bn. and 7th Bn.

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We have been asked to inform our readers that the "St. George's" Riddell Scholarship, founded at Wellington College by Mrs. Riddell in memory of her husband, the late Brig.-General J. R. Riddell, who was killed in action in the Great War, is now vacant. The Scholarship, which is of the annual value of £60, is open, in the first place, to the direct descendant of any Regular officer of the 5th Fusiliers, and, in the second place, to the direct descendant of any officer of the Northumberland Fusiliers, and is tenable for the whole of a boy's career at Wellington. Application should be made to The Bursar, Wellington College, Berks.

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Mr. M. Birtwhistle
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Letter to the Editor.

7, LYPIATT TERRACE,
CHELTENHAM,
26th April, 1927.

To the Editor of "St. George's Gazette."

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

Probably many of our readers may not have seen the enclosed paragraph in the *Daily Mail* of 25th April. As a boy I often looked at Phœbe Hessel's grave in the churchyard of the Brighton Parish Church. Who is it that now gives it the roses on St. George's Day?

Yours, etc.,
C. G. C. MONEY, *Colonel.*

"THREE ROSES ON A GRAVE.

"ROMANCE OF 'DAUGHTER OF THE REGIMENT' RECALLED.

"A romance of long ago is recalled by the finding of three red roses on Saturday on the grave in Brighton of Phœbe Hessel, whose fame is legendary in Brighton. She was more than 100 years old when she died in 1830.

"This is the second year in succession that red roses have been found on Phœbe's grave on St. George's Day. A boy states that on Saturday he saw an elderly man throw something into the cemetery over the railings, which he took to be flowers.

"Phœbe was 15 years of age when she fell in love with a private in 'Kirk's Lambs,' and when that Regiment was ordered abroad she joined the 'Fighting Fifth' (now the Northumberland Fusiliers) and followed him. Five years later they were married, and when he died she married William Hessel."

WAR OFFICE,
22nd April, 1927.

ARMY OFFICERS AT UNIVERSITIES.

An Army Order states that applications from Officers desirous of being seconded in order to begin a University course during the academic year beginning October next, must reach the Under-Secretary of State (S.D. 3), The War Office, supported by the necessary documents, not later than 30th June. Officers seconded will be required to read for an honours degree, and must be prepared to give a guarantee that they will continue to serve in the Army for at least three years after the completion of the course.

COURSES OF INSTRUCTION FOR ARMY OFFICERS.

OBLIGATIONS OF OFFICERS TAKING COURSES.

It is stated in an Army Order that Officers taking any of the following courses of instruction will be required to sign an honourable undertaking to continue to serve in the Army after completion of the course for the minimum period stated, if required to do so:—

The course at the Imperial Defence College—5 years; the course for Officers at the R.E. at Cambridge University,—5 years; the Staff College course—5 years; the course for Officers of the Royal Army Ordnance Corps—5 years; the course at the London School of Economics, London University—3 years; the Senior Course of Instruction for Captains prior to promotion to Major, R.A.M.C.—3 years; and a Specialist Course for Officers of the R.A.M.C.—3 years.

The fact that an Officer has signed an honourable undertaking to continue to serve will not preclude the Army Council from releasing him from his obligation should the circumstances justify his release, but an Officer who receives permission to resign his commission before the expiration of the period for which he undertakes to continue to serve after completion of a course will be required to join the Regular Army Reserve of Officers.

Officers who take the electrical and mechanical course for R.E. Officers; the course on Civil Railways for R.E. Officers; the course for Royal Corps of Signals Officers at Cambridge University; the course for R.A.S.C. (Mechan. Transport) Officers at Civilian Works; and the language course for Officers in China and Japan, will not be required to sign an undertaking to continue to serve in the Army after completion of a course, but the sanction of the Army Council will not be given to their retiring with less than 15 years' service. They will not, therefore, be eligible to retire with gratuity under Article 611, Pay Warrant, 1926.

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HOW ST. GEORGE BECAME THE PATRON SAINT OF ENGLAND.

(From "ROYAL WINDSOR" (Vol. I.), by WILLIAM HEPWORTH DIXON.)

On Edward's return to Windsor Castle he resolved to celebrate his victories in France by two great acts of state. He would erect a new king's house, and he would found a new order of knights; and both his edifice and his order should be placed under the tutelage of a patron saint.

In William of Wykeham he had an architect to his mind; but where was he to seek a patron for his new society of knights? King Arthur was a failure. Even in his legendary form, Arthur was neither saint nor hero. He had fought against the English. An appeal to Arthur in the day of battle was unlikely to nerve an English arm. What Edward wanted was a patron saint, whom all his people, whether lords or commoners, could adopt—a personage whose fame would offer them a banner and a cry.

Where was the king to find that patron saint?

St. Edward was the king's own saint: his patron at the font, and his protector in the field. Edward was always on his lips—his own name, his son's name, his father's name, his father's father's name. St. Edward was the guardian of his house; and yet St. Edward was unsuitable as a patron saint.

Beauclerc had placed his chapel at Windsor under the protection of that Saxon prince, but many of his barons had refused to call his chapel by that Saxon name. They were a foreign army, and they wished to hold their conquests by the sword. St. Edward, though a mighty spirit, had never awed these barons. Hence the chapel at Windsor Castle had been sometimes called St. Edward's shrine, at other times Our Lady's shrine.

Two patrons were invoked from the same altar step. In time the native saint had gained the upper hand, and from the birth of Edward the First the Saxon saint had been firmly rooted in the chapel of the royal house.

Yet this high patronage was due to king and court alone. Windsor was without a special saint, as England was without a special saint. France had a patron in St. Denis, Scotland in St. Andrew, Spain in Santiago; but the English dynasty and people had not yet discovered their point of union in a common worship and a common flag.

English burghers and Norman barons had each their favourite guardians; but these guardians stood apart, and represented hostile camps. An English burgher prayed to St. Cuthbert, or St. Swithin, or St. Edmund, while his Norman neighbour swore by St. Valery, or St. Etienne, or St. Julian. All these tutelars were parochial. If St. Cuthbert reigned in Durham, St. Swithin reigned in Hampshire, and St. Edmund in the Eastern shires. St. Valery, St. Etienne and St. Julian were French—one ruling on the Somme, another on the Orne, and yet another on the Sarthe. None of these holy personages had been strong enough to overcome his rivals and impose his worship on the jarring elements of an Anglo-Norman camp.

Like older deities whom they had long ago displaced, the Christian tutelars were mainly of the soil. London owned a patron in her canonised bishop, St. Erkenwald; Lincoln in her canonised bishop, St. Hugh. York owned a patron in her canonised primate, St. William; Canterbury in her canonised primate, St. Thomas. Oxford reposed under the protection of St. Frideswide; Worcester under that of St. Wolfstan. Cities like that of St. Aspath, St. David's and St. Albans had no other names than those of their local saints. Windsor, though she had no special saint, was covered by the nimbus of St. Lawrence—a holy man who had once resided in the royal forest, and had built a cell on the hill which bears his name.

England was a nursery of saints, and Edward was engaged in swelling the numbers of her calendar. In a single year he had proposed no less than four new saints—Thomas, late Earl of Lancaster; John, late Bishop of Lincoln; William, late Bishop of Bath; and Robert, late Archbishop of Canterbury. No member of his dynasty had yet been canonised. France boasted of her St. Louis, Spain her San Fernando. Of Saxon saints there was no end; and even since the Conquest members of the Saxon dynasty—St. Margaret for example—had been sanctified by the Popes. Edward was eager to possess a family saint. Thomas of Lancaster was such a personage, a man of his own blood, yet popular with the English folk, who loved him as a victim of the favourites in the previous reign. But Rome was slow to gratify the king. A new St. Thomas could not help but interfere with Beckett, who was still regarded as an idol by his Church.

No single figure in the calendar stood out so far beyond the rest as to assume the stature of a national saint.

Where, then, was Edward to seek a name that court and city, castle and parish, would accept? Suppose he took a Saxon saint? His barons would decline his choice. Suppose he took a Norman saint? His commons would refuse his choice. These local saints had taken sides. St. Valery, a favourite with the Norman lords, had failed to force his worship on their English earls. Why so? St. Valery was an enemy whose image had been borne aloft by the invading host. St. Edmund, a favourite with the English, was unpopular with the Norman lords. Edward the Confessor was a neutral saint. Though buried in London, he was far less popular than St. Erkenwald. No such press of pilgrims crowded to his shrine as flocked to the altars of St. Cuthbert and St. Edmund. Yet, these saints were all provincial. South of Trent, few persons knew the virtues of St. Cuthbert; north of Trent, not many gave their confidence to St. Edmund. Out of his own province, each was but a shadow of a shade.

One name, indeed, there was which threatened to assume the place of national saint, but that one name was equally distasteful to the ruling barons and the reigning house—a name of dark and bitter memories, recalling to the king and his supporters nothing less than a disastrous battle of the Crown against the Church.

That name was Becket, now St. Thomas of Canterbury, whom the king would gladly have seen replaced by that of St. Thomas of Lancaster.

Becket was the greatest power in England, perhaps in Europe: greater than St. Meinrad, greater than the Three Kings, and at least an equal of Santiago. Becket was hardly dead a year before the fame of his miracles had brought in pilgrims from all parts of England, and induced the Pope, whose champion he had been against his country, to exalt him to the skies. Few martyrs had been canonised in so much haste. William of York, his rival, had been dead eight years when Thomas of Canterbury was enthroned; yet Thomas of Canterbury was canonised a hundred and twenty years before William of York attained that dignity. But Rome, though eager in his cause, hardly outran the public zeal. The shrine in front of which her servant had been slain, became a place for prayers and gifts,

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for pilgrimage, penitence and absolution. Other and older chapels were deserted. Holy Roods, and bones of saints, and models of the Sepulchre, and houses of the Virgin of Nazareth —all these symbols of devotion failed before the martyr's tomb. Sinners from all countries poured into the land ; so that, by the time when Edward was enquiring for a patron, Canterbury had become the rival, not so much of Westminster and Walsingham, as of Compostella and Cologne.

Yet St. Thomas of Canterbury could never be adopted as a patron by the reigning house. He was their evil genius, and his rise as evidence of their defeat. The king, his murderer, had been pardoned by the pontiff only on condition that he laid aside his sceptre and assumed the cross. Lion Heart, heir to his father's curse, had borne that cross into the plains of Sharon, but had not been privileged to see the Temple and relieve the Sepulchre. In part redemption of that curse, Edward the Crusader had gone to Palistine. Ever since the day of his martyrdom, St. Thomas of Canterbury had been a whip of scorpions to the royal house.

Nor were his name and worship less repugnant to the feudal lords than to their prince. Four members of their order had despatched the priest, believing they had Henry's sanction for the deed. Not only had those knights been made to pay the penalty of their crime, but their order had been made to feel the outraged conscience of the Church. Becket was to them the symbol of a great adventure and a great defeat. No Norman knight could loyally adopt St. Thomas for his patron saint.

Where was the king to seek a patron saint ? What personage in the calendar could supply him with a common banner and a common cry ?

Another want had risen. Sluys was the first great battle that an English fleet had won against the French. That victory had made King Edward master of the sea, whilst his more recent capture of Calais had enabled him to close the Straits. England was entering on her empire ; and in seeking for a patron, she required a saint as potent on the sea as on the land.

Was there in the calendar such a saint ?

Yes ; one, and only one—ST. GEORGE.

By chance, or what seemed chance, the king, who, innocent of Becket's blood, had been compelled, in expiation of his murder, to join the Crusade, had discovered on the shores of Cyprus a patron who was able to dispute the foremost rank with Thomas of Canterbury, and in the course of ages to unseat and replace that popular saint.

Though little known in England, George of Lydda was greatly reverenced in the East, especially by the Cypriotes, the Syrians, and the Greeks. His birthplace bore his name, the City of Lydda having sunk into St. George. By Cypriote, Greek and Syrian he was worshipped as a sovereign of the sea ; by Frank and Saracen as a protector of fighting men on shore. To Richard's eyes he was presented as a champion of the Cross. Yet his connexion with the sea was earlier known, his worship in that character wider spread, than his repute as leader of the Christian host.

In truth, the primary conception of St. George was that of master of the deep.

More than St. Vincent is to a modern Spaniard and St. Nicholas to a modern Russ, St. George was to a Byzantine and to the Frank who sailed in Greek and Syrian waters. He was worshipped as the power from whom all demons of the deep—all ministers of the storm and flood—shrank back in dread. He, and none else, was master of the winds and waves. At every rising gale, at every lowering cloud, the dusky mariners sent up cries to heaven from shroud and deck—" St. George ! O help, St. George ! "

All cities lying on the sea were given into St. George's charge, and many of their approaches bore his name. The entrance to Constantinople was called St. George's Arm. The spit outside the harbour of Seleucia was called St. George's Point. The roadstead on the north of Beyrout was called St. George's Bay. All stormy capes and headlands were his property. A Cape St. George stood out from Rhodes ; a second Cape St. George from Thessaly. More than one rocky nose in Cyprus bore the name of St. George. Rocky and dangerous river mouths and channels, like Dog River and Negropont, lay under the protection of his shrines. The main outlet of the Danube was called St. George's Mouth. On almost every height along the Euxine and Propontis, cloisters were erected in his service ; buildings which served as watch-towers, sea-marks, and asylums for the shipwrecked crews.

In Cyprus nearly all the ancient temples of Apollo—built along the shore—had been converted into chapels of St. George.

Nor were the Saracens behind the Greeks and Cypriotes in their devotion to this maritime power. No Moslem sailor in those ages put to sea without an invocation to Khidr, the Arabic form of George—a name implying in the Arabis idiom his connexion with the deep. Caught in a gust of wind, an Arab mariner cried out : " Ya Khidr ! " just as a Greek or Syrian cried " St. George ! " Sanctuaries were built along the coast by Moslems to Khidr, as chapels were erected by Christians to St. George. No matter of what race or creed, all Eastern mariners were eager to propitiate that ruler of the floods.

Some of those Moslem sanctuaries of the Middle Ages still exist ; famous ones at Saiba, Sareptah, Blancheward and Ascalon ; to all of which Moslem sanctuaries of St. George the Arab mariners still go on pilgrimage.

As lord of the storm, and not as a soldier of the Cross, St. George was introduced to the Venetians and the Genoese, by whose returning keels his fame and worship were first brought into Italy. Three churches were erected to his name at Venice, and the people, trusting like the Greeks to his defensive power, put the approaches of their city under his control, erecting his chapel on that islet of San Giorgio which commands the Piazzetta and the Grand Canal. The Genoese erected churches in his honour, both in Genoa and in Naples. From this southern city the marauding Normans introduced his worship into France.

This maritime worship had no point of contact with the ordinary notion of St. George.

ST. GEORGE, 1347.

St. George came under Richard's notice in the Isle of Cyprus. After his defeat of Isaac, the usurping Duke of Cyprus, Guy, King of Jerusalem, and Garner, Master of the Knights Hospitallers, came to salute him. Guy was a worshipper of St. George, and Garner wore the costume and the arms of that distinguished saint. " St. George ! " was the victorious war-cry of the knights.

St. George, as Lion Heart heard, had first been seen by Godfrey de Boulogne at Antioch, in a character unknown to either Cypriote, Greek or Saracen. He was an armed and mounted knight, clothed in white mail, mounted on a white

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horse, and wearing a white shirt on which was stamped a blood-red cross. Except for his attire, he might have been taken for a vision of the god of light. So habited and mounted, he had led the Christian hosts to battle, dashing into the Moslem ranks, swathing them down like grass and scattering them to the wind like chaff. From Antioch, the white knight with the blood-red cross had led his followers to Jerusalem.

When Godfrey of Boulogne was chosen king, the worship of St. George had spread apace. Lydda, the city of his birth, became St. George: the bishop of that city was declared, in honour of St. George, precentor of the Holy Sepulchre. The knightly orders, founded to guard and feed the pilgrims, took him as their model in equipment and attire.

In many an after-field brave men had donned his armour and displayed his flag, not seldom paying for such daring with their lives. These knights of St. George were always singled out for combat, even Sultan Saladin himself regarding them as worthy of his sword. When a stout warrior fell before his onset, all the Saracen host cried out, "St. George is slain!" Richard, on landing at Acre, heard that the martial saint was dead; but he was soon aware that, whether dead or not, St. George was mighty in the prowess of his knights—men who were ever, as King Richard found, the foremost to attack, the latest to retire.

Garner, Master of the Hospitallers, was an English knight, and such a fighting man as Richard loved. His war-cry was "St. George!" Richard's own cry was "God and the Holy Sepulchre!" But in the fight at Arsuf (ancient Reseph) Lion Heart learned to prize the war-cry of that local saint. As Saladin's troops came on, Garner put up his prayer: "O, Holy George! victorious warrior! wilt thou suffer us to be overwhelmed?" Then, turning in his saddle towards the English king, he asked his leave to charge: "My lord and king, let me go at them!"

Hardly waiting for an answer, Garner and his company spurred forward into the Saracen lines, raising their cry: "St. George! St. George!" and bringing on the battle which compelled the Sultan Saladin to retire across the plain.

That victory gave the city of St. George into King Richard's hands; and from that day Lion Heart took up as one of his own cries the slogan of "St. George."

St. George was born at Lydda, in the Plain of Sharon, near the sea—a place which, even in the time of Christ, was venerable and sacred, known to all nations, whether Syrian, Jew or Greek, by variants of a common term, each variant signifying "City of God." El was the native name of God, and Lydda was the dwelling of that native god. The Hebrews wrote it Lod—City of El; the Greeks wrote it Diospolis, City of Zeus. This character of the town had never changed. Long after Christ, the city kept her sacred name, equally in the Syrian *Ludd*, the Arabic *Khidr*, the Byzantine *Victorious*, the Greek *Hagai-georgeopolis*, and the Frank *St. George*. To every nation, and in every idiom, Lydda was a sacred spot. Her history was like her name. Under the Maccabees, Lydda had formed a portion of the Temple lands. She was afterwards one of the earliest cities to receive the Gospel. First among the saints of history were the "saints who dwelt at Lydda." Peter lodged within her walls, and here, in the dwelling-place of El, he wrought that miracle on Annas which converted all the Plain of Sharon. Lydda was the seat of a Christian bishop and of an early council of the Church. In aftertimes, a Jewish college was established in the town, and pupils of Hillel wrangled with followers of Shammai on a spot which had been part of their Temple property. Still later, under Saracenic rulers, Lydda took a place in the sacred legends second only to Jerusalem. Khidr was the scene of Armageddon, the final battle of the world, when Anti-Christ, whom the Arabs call Al Dajjal, was destined to be met and slain by Christ.

In this strange town the child was born and lived who in the coming centuries was to lend his name to the great shrine at Windsor, and to fling his ensign from innumerable English masts.

Richard brought back his fame as champion of the Cross; but English devotion to his worship was excited by his reputation as controller of the deep. As champion of the Cross and patron of the knightly orders, he was welcomed in the court and camp; but by the river side, and in the ports and harbours he was welcomed as the enemy and conqueror of the demons of the sea, the river and the marsh. A chapel at Southwark, a parish church on the Avon, and a monastery on the Liffy were erected in his honour. His repute extended far and wide. A few years after Richard's death, his festival was ordered to be kept as one of our national holidays. "God and St. George!" became an English war-cry, used with the older slogan, "God and St. Edward!" Reign by reign the worship of St. George extended. Edward, the crusading prince, had raised his battle-cry of "St. George!" at Acre, and his grandson, Edward of Windsor, had stormed the French galleys to that cry at Sluys.

After that naval victory, the saint of Lydda shared the king's devotion with St. Edward; and when Calais fell before his arms, and England rose into the foremost ranks of maritime powers, the victor felt that he had found his patron in that naval saint who had given him the victory of Sluys.

How came St. George to be a naval saint? What virtue heritage, and mandate, gave that Syrian soldier his control of wind and wave, his faculty of dragon-slayer and his sovereignty of the sea?

Church legends have preserved an outline of the actions of St. George. A son of rich and Christian parents, he had sprung from the descendants of those "saints who dwelt in Lydda." Born in the higher ranks, he entered the imperial service, when that service tolerated Syrian creeds. He won the grade of tribune, equal to commander of a regiment, and was otherwise employed under the lieutenants of Diocletian. When the persecution of his faith broke out, the young aristocrat laid down his offices and commands, to cast his lot with the more helpless, but not less devoted, members of his church. Arrested by Roman officers, he asserted his conviction of the truth. Put under torture, he rose above the malice of his judges, and declared his readiness to prove his loyalty by his blood. They sentenced him to death; an order which he accepted as a martyr's crown.

When he was gone, according to these legends of his Church, a crowd of pilgrims gathered round his tomb and found relief in body and in soul. Miracles were wrought—the martyr was proclaimed a saint. Constantine built a church above his tomb; Justinian rebuilt that church, and on a grander scale. From that time George of Lydda was a recognised prince among the Byzantine saints. When the Crusades began, he left his throne in heaven, put on the armour of a knight, and made himself a soldier of the Cross. Leading his hosts from Antioch to Jerusalem, he placed them on the ramparts of the Holy City, and confided to their hands the birthplace and the tomb of Christ.

These legends leave the mystery unexplained.

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They tell us nothing of St. George as ruler of the sea, as guardian of rivers, straits, and ports; yet herein lay the earlier and the more abiding notion of the saint. A common impulse governed all the votaries of St. George. Much as the Greeks claimed him defender of their coasts, and the Venetians of their ports, the Western nations placed their seas and channels under his control. The French committed to his charge their tempest-beaten isles and inundated river banks; such places as St. George d'Oleron, St. George-sur-Chor, and St. George-sur-Loire. His English votaries gave his name to places liable to inundation, like St. George's parish on the Severn, and St. George's marshes on the Thames.

Why, then, are all church legends silent as to his connexion with the sea?

Again, they tell us nothing of the dragon; nothing of the combat which procured for him the title of victorious; yet herein also lies an ancient and abiding notion of St. George. George without a dragon—sea-devil and devourer of virgins—is not George at all. In the iconography of all countries there are figures of St. George—Egyptian figures, Byzantine figures, Venetian figures, German figures, French figures, English figures; but a George without his prostrate and defeated monster is a picture and a statue still unknown. The dragon and the dragon-slayer may be seen on coin and medal, and in stone and in bronze; but not a single image of the saint exists apart from that of the great reptile he has slain. Why, then, are all church legends silent as to his encounter with that monster of the deep?

The truth is that St. George is heir of many tribes and creeds, of many Christian legends and of many pagan myths.

Lydda took up the myths of neighbouring cities and conveyed them to her famous son.

A few miles north and south of Lydda lay two small but independent ports—Reseph on the north, Ashdod on the south. Rivals in trade, the burghers of these ports were enemies in creed. Reseph was the Phœnician god of light, a being of the air. Ashdod was the Phœnician god of water—dagon or dragon, serpent or crocodile—a being of the deep. All creatures of the air wage war on creatures of the sea. Reseph made war on Dagon. In the course of ages, Reseph overcame his rival, and the city of Ashdod perished from the earth. At length the conqueror perished also; and the myths in which their story lived became a property of the neighbouring and surviving town of Lod.

Greek mariners kept these names and myths alive. They called the port of Reseph—by translation—Apollonia; the port of Ashdod—by translation—Azote; one, city of the god of light and life; the other, city of the demon of darkness and extinction. Greek poets told the story of the conflict of these Syrian cities in the legend of Perseus and Andromeda. Perseus comes to Jaffa and slays the beast. A motive purely Greek is introduced. For his reward he gains Andromeda: a motive foreign to the semitic spirit. But the notion of a fight between an upper god and nether demon was a property of all nations having rivers, lakes and seas. Egypt had her monster of the Nile, her demon of the Bitter Lake. Not only Perseus, but Bellerophon and Hercules made war on dragons. Dagon, Typhon, Set, with all their peers, the Gorgons and Chimeras, were creatures of the sea, the river and the marsh.

So, in the after ages, under Christian teaching, every stream and morass liable to floods was haunted by a dragon who devoured the people till a local saint arose. We had our green dragon of Mordiford, our great dragon of Pittempton, our still more famous dragon of Norwich. France had dragons of the Seine, the Garonne, and the Rhone. Gargoulle, dragon of the Seine, was killed by St. Romanus. Tarasque, dragon of the Rhone, was slain by St. Martha. The Germans had a dragon of the Rhine, memories of which remain in the Drachenfels and in the wine called Dragon's Blood. The Swiss communes were rich in dragons and dragon-slayers; witness their Drachenreids and Drachenloks, and their heroic Struths and Winkelreids.

These monsters of the deep were of an oriental, not of a native type. Nearly all these beasts were of the Nile; that of Rhodes a hippopotamus, that of Ragusa a crocodile. The better-known monsters of Lyons and Marseilles were crocodiles.

To Egypt, therefore, we should look for the original dragon-slayer, the progenitor of our patron saint.

Was there a dragon of the Nile—a dragon-slayer of the Nile? If so, what shapes had they?

There was a dragon and a dragon-slayer of the Nile. That beast was Set, the Evil One, and wore the figure of a crocodile. That dragon-slayer was Horus, god of light, and wore the figure of a man. Greek writers call the Egyptian city of Horus—by translation—Apollonia; just as they call the Phœnician city of Reseph—by translation—Apollonia. Horus, Reseph and Apollo were the three names of one and the same deity—the god of day.

According to the rules of Egyptian symbolism, Horus had the figure of a man, the face of a hawk. Greek taste forbade these combinations of man and beast, but in Greece the hawk was sacred to Apollo. In a bas-relief of Horus, now in the great collection of Egyptian monuments at the Louvre, we find the original of St. George. Horus, the god of day, is in the act of slaying Set, the water-fiend, embodied in a crocodile. A mounted hero, armed, attired, and posed exactly like our patron saint, his foot is on the reptile's neck, his lance is entering through the reptile's spine. In every point, except the bird-like face, this old Egyptian bas-relief is a presentment of St. George.

Our patron saint of Windsor—and of England—is the heir of many tribes and many creeds. When Reseph melted into Lydda, and when Lydda sank into St. George, the myths of other gods and heroes gathered round the saint. St. George absorbed the Egyptian god of light, taking possession of his figure and his fame; much as in Spain St. James took up the ancient legends of Hercules, put off his quality of a Christian bishop and developed at Compostella into the patron, champion, and commander of all Spain.

The saint enshrined at Windsor, and inscribed on English coin and English banner, is the God of Light.

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I.

Lieut.-Colonel Treller, commanding the 2nd Tank Battalion, lay amongst some bushes on a small hill and surveyed the country in front through his field-glasses. With him were Lieut.-Colonel Panding, commanding the 2nd Battalion of the Prince Anton Regiment, the Tank and Infantry Company Commanders, the Machine Gun, Signal and Artillery Commanders.

The view in front seemed to please Colonel Treller, for after a short survey he scrambled back a few yards under cover, stood up, smiled to himself, and then whistled a few bars of a well-known revue. The remaining Officers likewise withdrew and stood up.

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Colonel Panding, also smiling, turned to Treller:—"Well, Treller, I don't think we shall have much difficulty about this job, eh?"

Treller turned to the speaker: "I guarantee, Panding, to have the enemy off that ridge within two hours after zero to-morrow; I've never seen a bit of country more suited for tanks, especially on the right; it'll be a walkover. By the way, I hear that there are at most only eight enemy tanks in this area; they won't do much good against my sixty-four, even if they are brave enough to tackle us, which I doubt! Well, I think we might go back and have a drink on this, what?"

"Agreed," said Panding, and the group of Officers went down the hill, entered motor cars and sped away back to their respective headquarters.

If an interested observer, with some military knowledge, had heard this conversation, and likewise lay in the position the group of Officers had occupied, he would have seen about two miles to his front a low, almost bare, ridge, the ground between him and the ridge of an undulating kind, broken in only a few places by an occasional hedge and narrow ditch. He would have come quickly to the conclusion that it was an excellent piece of country for the passage of tanks, and that the numerous folds in the ground afforded quite reasonable cover for infantry. Towards the left as he looked at the ridge the ground was rather more broken, small hummocks and a number of trees, ditches and hedges being fairly numerous; ground even more suitable for the passage of infantry, but less so for tanks. The ground on the right as he looked at the ridge was, as Colonel Treller had remarked, especially suitable for tanks; the ground on this flank for about a mile towards the ridge being a deep and wide hollow, hidden from view from the ridge at most places in its bottom, giving an excellent concealed approach to within a mile of the ridge.

This same observer, had he been armed with field-glasses, and had he surveyed this same ridge, would have seen nothing to indicate that it was occupied by a force prepared to make battle if attacked.

No movement of man or beast could be observed, no break in the land to indicate the presence of trenches—nothing but an almost bare ridge, bare fields with a few hummocks and hedges on the left.

II.

Later in the afternoon of the day of this reconnaissance by Colonels Treller and Panding, the Officer Commanding the sector containing the ridge which these two Colonels had inspected through their field-glasses with such seemingly satisfactory results, held a short conference in his headquarters in a small farm about one mile in rear of the ridge.

The Officers attending the conference followed their Commanding Officer's directions on their maps, and every now and then one or another would make neat circles and oblongs on his map with coloured pencils. Finally the conference ended and everyone departed.

The sun sank and darkness fell, with but little moon. A small body of infantry, with two light tanks, marched towards the ridge, passed over it towards the small hill which Colonels Treller and Pander had so recently occupied, and finally halted about two thousand yards from this hill. These small groups of infantry then lay down and merged with the dark ground, being indistinguishable at a few yards' distance. Each of the tanks took up a position about one hundred yards in rear of each end of the line of infantry—a covering party was out.

Shortly afterwards the low hum of muffled exhausts was heard to the rear of the ridge, growing nearer and nearer, until two small tractors made their appearance, came down to the front of the ridge until within about four hundred yards of the covering party, when they turned outwards, proceeded to the two flanks, then returned to the centre again, then back, repeating this manœuvre in the manner of ploughs. As they went they sprayed a fine earth-coloured dust from their sides and rear. At the end of twenty minutes they returned the way they had come, followed by the small infantry groups and the two tanks.

During this time further activities were taking place on and about the ridge. To the right of it, in amongst the hummocks and hedges, another small tractor was at work passing in and out of the hummocks and along the hedge-rows, also spraying the ground with the earth-coloured dust.

On the right and left flanks of the ridge, and about three hundred yards out, two large tractors were at work, moving at a slow speed, their great plough blades cutting great furrows in the ground. In under an hour two trenches had been cut on these flanks over half a mile long, twelve feet deep and six feet wide—tank trenches. On completion of its last "run," each tractor returned to the rear of the ridge, a smaller tractor passing along each trench laying camouflage screens over it.

Small machine gun detachments took up position on and around the ridge and four searchlights on small armour-protected tractors disposed themselves at various points. A number of light guns took up position on the ridge and out to the flanks of it.

Long before dawn the defences were ready.

III.

Shortly after dawn there was a good deal of aircraft activity, the anti-aircraft artillery of both sides forcing the 'planes to fly at a considerable height. Both sides appeared to be about equally matched, neither side being capable of gaining aerial supremacy. The air battles were continuous until after zero hour.

Shortly before zero hour the 2nd Bn. Prince Anton Regiment and the 2nd Tank Battalion were deployed in position about two miles in front of the ridge in the following order of battle:—

One Company of the 2nd Prince Anton Regiment formed up facing the right centre of the ridge.

One Company 2nd Prince Anton Regiment on the left in the hummocks.

Two Companies 2nd Prince Anton Regiment in reserve.

One Company 2nd Tank Battalion (sixteen tanks) formed up facing the right centre of the ridge.

One Company 2nd Tank Battalion on the right in the hollow.

Two Companies 2nd Tank Battalion in reserve.

(*See rough sketch on next page.*)

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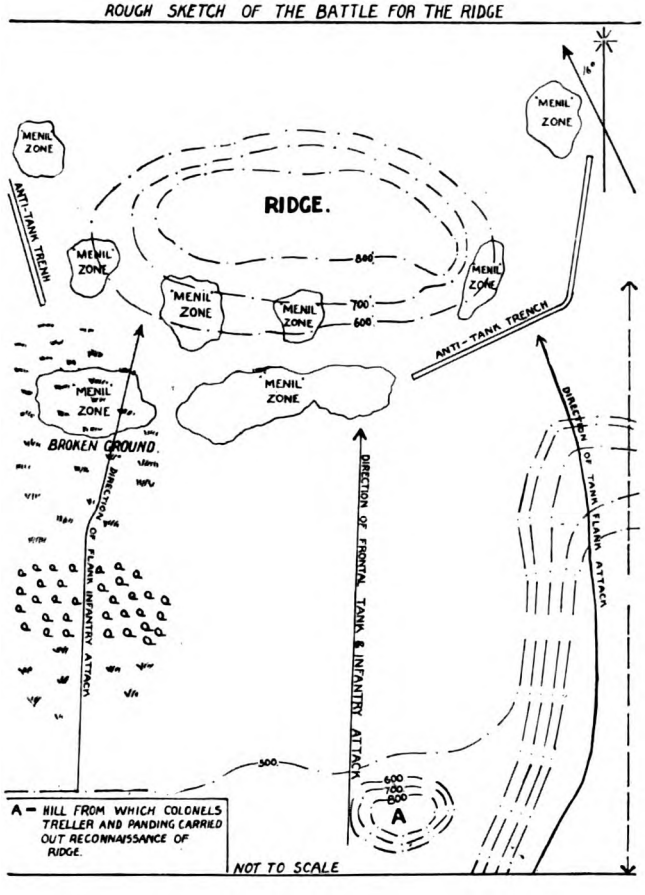
This force was supported by the Machine Gun Platoon (16 guns) of the 2nd Prince Anton Regiment, two Batteries 18-pdr.

ROUGH SKETCH OF THE BATTLE FOR THE RIDGE



field guns (12 guns), and two Sections Anti-Tank Artillery (four 4-inch guns). At zero hour the infantry moved forward, the supporting artillery and machine guns opening bursts of fire at various points on and about the ridge. No answering fire came from the enemy, nor was there anything to suggest that the ridge was even occupied. When within six hundred yards of the ridge, whilst crossing the ground the tractors had operated over the previous night, the Company of tanks passed through the infantry Company. At the same time the other Company of tanks had moved out of the hollow ground on the right and were within seven hundred yards of the ridge on this flank.

Colonels Treller and Panding, at the headquarters behind the hill from which they had observed on the previous day, moved to the same point of observation shortly after zero hour and watched the advance of their troops. They were somewhat surprised that the advance had got so far without any enemy action of any sort, and both began to wonder whether the enemy had retired and left the ridge undefended, or if some trap had been prepared ?

They were left little time for conjecture.

The tanks and infantry had got to within four hundred yards of the ridge in front. The infantry on the left were amongst the hummocks and hedges, when a salvo of shells fell amongst the troops in these places. The ground over an area of five hundred yards in these two sectors immediately burst into flame—a smokeless flame which was white hot. To the onlookers on the hill all the infantry in these sectors were to be seen as small shadows in the heat which almost immediately disappeared. The tanks, as larger shadows which almost immediately became stationary.

Whilst this happened on the front and left the tanks on the right moved on to within three hundred yards of the ridge, when, in crossing a certain portion of the ground, the surface gave way and the leading tanks disappeared from view ; those following them turned right-handed and at once came under fire of anti-tank guns and machine guns firing armour-piercing bullets, and were quickly put out of action. In less than ten minutes, when within sight of victory, three-quarters of the infantry force and half of the tank force had been practically annihilated.

The shock to Colonels Treller and Panding was so great that neither could speak or move for some minutes ; they gazed at the scene of tragedy with unbelieving eyes.

The fires burnt out in about ten minutes, and all that could be seen was sixteen derelict tanks and about two hundred small black objects lying scattered about on an area of ground which had changed to a dirty bleached colour. A few dark gaps in the ground on the right showed where the tanks on this side had broken through the camouflage of the anti-tank trench.

Colonels Treller and Panding, recovering their senses, decided to withdraw the remnants of their troops without delay, in view of the fact that it was impossible to ascertain what further areas of ground had been prepared for firing, without risking the remainder of their force.

The defence of the ridge was carried out by one Mechanical Defensive Battalion, comprising :—

One Company of eight " Carden " tractors, capable of carrying half a ton of " Menil," and distributing it on fairly open ground at a speed of 8 m.p.h. (" Menhil " is a chemical substance in the form of powder, impervious to damp, which on contact with another substance named " Triten " produces an instantaneous white-hot heat. A thin layer of " Menil " will give off this heat for five minutes, a double layer for ten minutes, and so on in proportion.)

One Company of six " Carden " ploughs, capable of digging a trench 12 feet by 6 feet in two " runs " on fairly open ground at 3 m.p.h.

One Company of eight 4-inch anti-tank guns, with a proportion of shells filled with " Triten " (tractor drawn).

One Company of sixteen machine guns firing a large proportion of armour-piercing bullets, with a small proportion of bullets containing " Triten " (tractor drawn).

One Company of ten light and six heavy tanks.

One Company carrying sixteen heavy and twenty-four land mines.

One Company carrying four searchlights on tractors.

One Company carrying camouflage material for tank trenches, etc.

One Company for maintenance and repair.

" G.J.W.G."

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THE EDITOR'S CORNER.

THE OLD MILL HOUSE,

PRESTON CROWMARSH,

NEAR WALLINGFORD,

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EXTRACTS from *The London Gazette*:—

COMMANDS AND STAFF.

MEMORANDUM.

Q.M.S. Instr. T. James, North'd. Fusiliers (attached Army P.T. Staff) to be Quartermaster in the Army, with the rank of Lieutenant (Master-at-Arms, Army School of Physical Training, Aldershot) (dated 14th May).

REGULAR BATTALIONS.

The following is seconded:—

Lieut. T. E. Bland for service under the Colonial Office (dated 21st April).

TERRITORIAL BATTALIONS.

4th Bn.—2nd-Lieut. A. S. Todd to be Lieutenant (dated 12th January).

4th Bn.—H. H. Beall to be 2nd-Lieut. (dated 20th April); H. A. Wrigley (late Cadet, St. John's Sch. Contgt., Jun. Div., O.T.C.), to be 2nd-Lieut. (dated 20th April).

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5th Bn.—Lieut. G. M. I. Stanley to be Captain (dated 4th May).

5th Bn.—C. R. I. Besley (late Cadet, Durham Sch. Contgt., Jun. Div., O.T.C.), to be 2nd-Lieut. (dated 25th March).

6th Bn.—R. E. B. Mortimer to be 2nd-Lieut. (dated 28th April).

7th Bn.—2nd-Lieut. G. H. Green resigns his commission (dated 4th May).

7th Bn.—J. S. Moore to be 2nd-Lieut. (dated 18th May).

TERRITORIAL ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

5th Bn. North'd. Fus.—2nd-Lieut. J. R. Ashworth relinquishes his commission on account of ill-health (dated 18th May).

Regimental Notes.

1st BATTALION NOTES.

BALLYKINLAR,

May, 1927.

All Companies finished their training by the end of April. We therefore commenced the month with the Inspection by the G.O.C., N.I.D. Owing to the weather conditions the Ceremonial Parade had to be cancelled, and Ballykinlar was seen at its very worst.

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"Z" Company and "W" Company have nearly completed their annual Musketry courses. They have been lucky in that the weather has been particularly favourable during this period, and no doubt their results will be correspondingly good.

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The football season ended on 29th April, with the Final of the Paget Horse Cup. In the eliminating rounds "Y" Company defeated "W" Company by 3 goals to 2. "X" and "Z" Companies had a most Homeric struggle. There was no score at the end of the regulation time. The first period of extra time was also fruitless. It was agreed, therefore, to play another period, and in this last half-hour "Z" Company collapsed, and "X" Company scored no less than four times.

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"X" and "Y" Companies therefore met in the Final, and the issue was never in doubt. "X" Company were possibly suffering from the effects of their struggle of the day before. Certainly they showed no signs of their usual brilliance, and "Y" Company, playing very good football, won by 5 goals to 1.

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Under the ægis of Mr. Holdsworth-Hunt the Garrison Sports Grounds have improved almost out of recognition. A running track has come into being, nets for all Companies, with matting wickets and several tennis courts. The golf course, too, has been reduced to order, and is becoming a popular place of recreation.

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Both tug-of-war teams, having qualified by winning the N.I.D. Competition, have departed to Olympia. It is hoped that profiting by their experience of last year they will give a good account of themselves.

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The Inter-Company March and Shoot took place on 26th April. Remarkable stamina was shown by all competitors over a very gruelling course of ten miles. Marks were allotted for March Discipline, Condition of the Men, Fire Orders, Fire Control, Condition of Kits, Fitting of Equipment and Shooting. Marks were deducted for each man falling out, and for every minute taken in excess of the standard time of two-and-a-half hours. The result was as follows:—

"Y" Company	.. ..	84 pts.
"Z" "	.. ..	81½ pts.
"W" "	.. ..	78 pts.
"X" "	.. ..	77½ pts.

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This event brought the Champion Company year to a close, and placed the Companies in the following order:—

"Z" Company	.. ..	176 pts.
"X" "	.. ..	148 pts.
"Y" "	.. ..	136 pts.
"W" "	.. ..	70 pts.

"Z" Company, therefore, are to be congratulated on succeeding "X" Company as Champion Company.

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Two Rifle Meetings have taken place already. The first was held on 27th April, in a storm of wind and rain. The programme consisted of competitive application and rapid at 300 yards, open to three classes—Class I., Marksmen and First Class Shots; Class II., Second Class Shots; Class III., Third Class Shots.

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Serjt. Irwin, of "W" Coy., and Lce.-Cpl. Pearson, of "Z" Coy., tied in Class I. with scores of 28. Serjt. Irwin won in the shoot-off. Fus. Kent, "X" Coy., 26, and Fus. Clarkson, "W" Coy., 20, were the winners in the other two classes.

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A pool bull competition was held during the afternoon. Serjt. Wixon, of "X" Coy., secured the only hit, and won as a result £1 18s.

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The second meeting was held on 18th May, in beautiful weather. A gruelling competition of application, rapid and snapshooting, carried out at a furious gallop between 600 and 300 yards, between the Officers and Serjeants, was won by the latter by 357 to 326.

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In a young soldiers' competition, three competitors tied for first place. Fus. Farrell, "Z" Coy., as being the youngest soldier, was awarded the prize.

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Major Trench very aptly opened the pool bull competition by scoring 1 himself with his first shot. Altogether twelve competitors obtained pool bulls.

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The Machine Gun Platoon held a very entertaining concert and dance in aid of the Infants' Welfare Centre, on 16th and 17th May. If the financial success was equal to that of the very interesting programme, then the Welfare Centre should be self-supporting for some time. The "Grand Opera" of Capt. Lindsay was worthy of Covent Garden, too. The two sketches were well presented and well acted. Capt. Lindsay again must be mentioned for his conception of how an orange should be consumed. This again was worthy of Covent Garden, perhaps the gallery rather than the stage. The ravishing

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beauty of the Chorus, and the feats of the "Springs" are also worthy of notice. The full programme is appended :—

1. March .. .. .. "Dawn of Freedom" .. .. .. THE BAND
2. Opening Chorus .. "The Tin Can Fusiliers" .. THE GUNNERS
   Lce.-Cpl. WHELDALE, Fusrs. LUDLEY, GIBBONS, ALLEN, WILLIS, HYWOOD and R. MITCHELL.
3. Dramatic Recitation .. .. ZERO POST
   "Up the Welfare Centre" Lt. C. W. HOLDSWORTH-HUNT
4. Song .. .. M.G. MEGAPHONE (Fus. MALIA)
5. Some P.T. .. .. THE SPRINGS
   Sjt. CHAPMAN, Fusrs. S. SHARP, J. MORTON, E. MORTON, KINGSTON.
6. Community Singing .. .. THE SPARE PARTS
   Ladies : Cpl. RUSSELL, Fusrs. HOLMES, M'GILLIVRAY, W. BROWN, NEWTON and J. A. BROWN.
   Gentlemen : Lce.-Cpl. WHELDALE, Fusrs. LUDLEY, GIBBONS, ALLEN and WILLIS.
   (1) "A Certain Party"
   (2) "Lonesome and Sorry"
   (3) "Knee-deep in Daisies"
7. Sketch .. .. .. "HAT-TENSION" .. .. LOCK(E) & Co.
   Characters : Mrs. Brown Jones .. .. .. Lce.-Sjt. CROFT
   Mrs. Smith Robinson .. .. Lce.-Sjt. LOCKE, M.M.
   Shop Assistant .. .. .. Cpl. TINGEY
   Mr. Batt .. .. Lce.-Cpl. BROADHEAD
8. Burlesque .. .. "Grand Opera" .. .. BARRELLCASING
   Capt. D. S. LINDSAY, M.C.
9. Dance .. .. .. "Recoiling Portions" .. Lce.-Cpl. BROUGH
   Assisted by "The Tumbler" .. Fus. GORDON
10. Sketch .. .. .. "OH, LAW!" .. ..
    Characters : Judge .. .. .. Cpl. SHARP
    Usher .. .. .. Fus. WILLETS
    Counsel .. .. .. Lt. C. W. HOLDSWORTH-HUNT
    Miss Patricia O'Brien .. Lt. R. H. YORK
    Mrs. Jenny Morgan .. Fus. LYNCH
    The Co-Respondent .. Fus. R. MITCHELL
    The Crowd .. .. .. M.G. PLATOON H.Q.
11. Community Singing .. .. THE SPARE PARTS
    (1) "Poor Papa"
    (2) "So is Your Old Lady"
    (3) "Bye-bye, Blackbird"

INTERVAL.

DANCE.

CRICKET.

Cricket has started in earnest and, thanks to the energies of Mr. Holdsworth-Hunt and Fus. Arthurs, nets are available for every Company and the ground is being improved rapidly.

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On 19th May we played a match against a team from Downpatrick and defeated them fairly easily. This was due to some excellent batting by Mr. Macmullen and Capt. Powell—the latter hitting two 6's. Lce.-Cpls. Purcell and Obey both bowled well.

DOWNPATRICK.

C. Croskery, st Butterfield, b Obey	54
C. Morrison, c Purcell, b Obey	38
R. Brown, b Obey	0
R. Briggs, lbw, b Purcell	1
P. Morrison, c Macmullen, b Obey	1
W. Johnstone, c and b Kilgour	3
W. Williamson, c Butterfield, b Macmullen	0
A. Kelly, lbw, b Obey	3
N. Lowe, run out	0
W. McNaile, c Powell, b Obey	10
H. Collins, not out	3
Extras	11
Total	124

FIFTH FUSILIERS.

Capt. Buckley, hit wkt, b Briggs	10
Cpl. Purcell, c Croskery, b Briggs	7
Lieut. Macmullen, not out	66
Lieut. Kilgour, b Briggs	7
Capt. Powell, not out	30
Lieut. Crawhall, Sjt. Finnemore, Cpl. Obey, Lce.-Cpl. Pyle, Drum-Major Hebbron, Lieut. Butterfield	did not bat.
Extras	7
Total	127

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

FIFTH FUSILIERS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Lce-Cpl. Pyle	7	—	35	—
Lieut. Kilgour	11	4	37	1
Cpl. Purcell	6	2	9	1
Cpl. Obey	10	—	26	6
Lieut. Macmullen	2	—	6	1

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Our next match was played on 21st May, against Annsborough, and was not so successful. It was chiefly noteworthy for the lack of skill displayed by the Officers, who were all dismissed by the first ball they received.

ANNSBOROUGH.

T. Bryans, c Finnemore, b Purcell	2
A. McGreavy, c Fairhurst, b Obey	3
F. McGowan, run out	20
N. Wright, b Purcell	3
J. Baxter, b Fairhurst	21
C. Gifford, lbw, b Obey	0
T. Rice, b Finnemore	6
I. McPadden, c Obey, b Finnemore	0
J. McCaner, not out	6
S. Harper, b Finnemore	11
Extras	1
Total	73

FIFTH FUSILIERS.

Capt. Buckley, c Rice, b Baxter	0
Cpl. Purcell, c Gifford, b McGowan	0
Lce.-Cpl. Fairhurst, run out	2
Sjt. Finnemore, b Baxter	5
Lieut. Butterfield, c Grant, b McGowan	0
Lieut. Macmullen, b McGowan	0
Cpl. Obey, c and b McGowan	1
Lce.-Cpl. Jackman, b McGowan	0
Fus. Gilley, not out	3
Lce.-Cpl. Pyle, c Rice, b Baxter	16
Sjt. Walsh, b McGowan	6
Total	33

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

FIFTH FUSILIERS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Lce.-Cpl. Pyle	4	2	5	—
Cpl. Purcell	8	1	16	2
Cpl. Obey	5	—	15	2
Lce.-Cpl. Fairhurst	5	—	21	2
Sjt. Finnemore	4·5	—	15	3

THE WHIPPETS CLUB.

On 6th May, the Commanding Officer sold by auction the three puppies by "Wee Sandy" out of "Orang Girl," which were the property of the Club.

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These puppies were purchased by :—

Fus. Wilson, " W " Company .. .. 1 bitch.
Fus. Erickson, " W " Company .. 1 bitch.
Fus. Bowman, " X " Company .. 1 dog.

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Great keenness is being shown in preparation for the Commanding Officer's Cup, which will be competed for in September.

THE STABLE.

Although the hunting season is over and some of our horses are out at grass, a good deal of activity still exists in the stable, as Mr. Macmullen has invested in two very nice four-year-olds which in his spare time (?) he is busy schooling, and we hope we shall see them in front next point-to-point season.

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Mr. Bolster has also bought a young horse which looks to have the makings of a good heavy-weight hunter.

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Copp has not yet expressed his opinion ! !

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MAJ.-GEN. SIR P. S. WILKINSON, K.C.M.G., C.B. THE VISCOUNT CRAIGAVON. LIEUT.-COL. W. N. HERBERT, C.M.G., D.S.O.
MAJ.-GEN. F. F. READY, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.

SERJEANTS' MESS NOTES.

The annual St. George's Ball was held in the Garrison Gymnasium at Ballykinlar on the night of the 25th of April.

Except for those who really knew, the fact that the Ball was held in the Gymnasium was very hard to realise.

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This was due to the transformation which had taken place.

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The general colour scheme was red and white only, and with these two simple colours the place was made to look like a first-class ball-room.

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A special lighting scheme was arranged which greatly succeeded.

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The Drums of the Battalion were tastefully arranged upon a platform at one end of the room and, surrounded in red and white roses, they made a striking and beautiful sight.

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In rear of these the Colours were placed on a stand and guarded by sentries in full-dress uniform.

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To these sentries a special word of praise is due.

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They were particularly smart in their bearing, and during their tour of duty they stood like graven images with never a wink.

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The Guard consisted of N.C.O.'s and Men from the Band and Drums. Band-Cpl. J. Obey, Lce.-Cpl. G. Gibbs, Lce.-Cpl. A. Luke, Bdsmn. A. Oates and Bdsmn. A. B. Frost.

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In addition to the Guard and Drums there was a grand array of silver, which made the whole a sight not easily to be forgotten.

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The other end of the floor was held by the Band, who played especially well and dispensed a delightful programme of music under the direction of Cpl. J. Purcell.

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It was no mean task for the Committee to so transform the Gymnasium, and the best and heartiest of congratulations are due to them for their splendid work.

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This was especially so considering that there was a tremendous amount of other work in the form of Musketry Courses, etc., to be done.

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The President of the Committee was Q.M.S. (O.R.S.) P. Gale, who was nobly helped by the following :—Band-Sjt. Chislett, Sjts. Moore, Crawley, Croft and Gibbons.

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It must have been very gratifying to the President to be personally congratulated, as he certainly was by many people, on the excellence of the Ball in general.

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As in previous years, the Dance programmes and Supper tickets were distributed to the guests by two Drummers in full dress uniform.

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The turn-out and bearing of these lads left nothing to be desired.

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The guests commenced to arrive at 7.45 p.m., and continued to do so in a steady stream until the floor was filled with a number exceeding expectation.

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As each lady arrived she was presented with a set of real Red and White Roses.

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During the evening supper was served from 10 o'clock until midnight, and the catering, in the hands of Messrs. Henry and Co., of Belfast, left nothing to be desired. A word of thanks is due to the above for the manner in which everything was carried out. The menu was as follows :—

SALMON MAYONNAISE
DINNER ROLLS.
COLD CHICKEN
YORK HAM
PRESSED BEEF
OX TONGUE
COFFEE AND ICES.

There was no "shortage."

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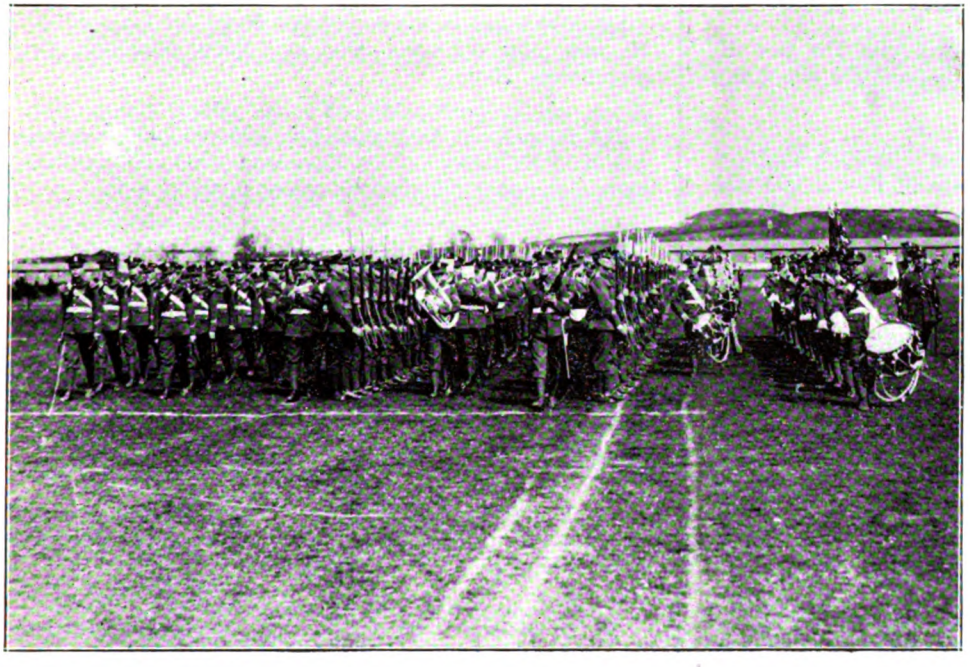
The guests included :—Lt.-Col. and Mrs. Herbert ; Col. H. R. Sandilands, C.M.G., D.S.O. ; Major J. H. Chenevix-Trench ; Major Tagg, D.L.I. ; Capt. and Mrs. E. Buckley ; Capt. D. Lindsay, M.C. ; Capt. Newstead, D.S.O., M.C. ; Capt. and Mrs. Seth-Smith, Capt. and Mrs Powell, Capt. and Mrs. Myers, The Rev. J. J. Hodgins, C.F., Capt. W. H. Braddell, Lieut. R. H. Yorke, Lieut. F. H. Butterfield, Lieut. C. W. Holdsworth-Hunt, Lieut. Laing, Lieut. Sir H. Carnaby-Haggerston, Bart., Lieut. R. S. N. Clarke, Lieut. R. Stockley, Lieut. Bolster Lieut. I. J. Kilgour, Lieut. and Adjt. W. N. C. Crawhall, Lieut. M. N. E. Macmullen, Officers of The Durham Light Infantry, W.O.'s and Serjeants and their wives, D.L.I.



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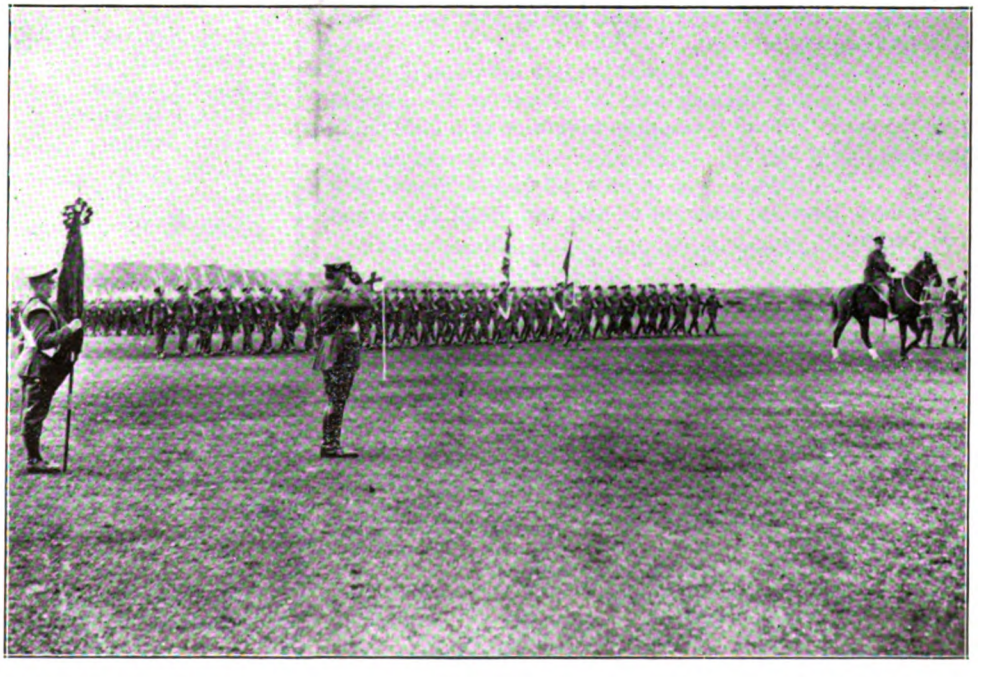

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THE MARCH PAST.

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West Yorkshire Regt., and many others from the surrounding district.

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Congratulatory telegrams were received from The Rev. H. Clarke, C.F., S.M. O. C. Dipper, 7th Bn., and the late S.M.'s Pullan and Chislett.

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Messages of regret were received from :—Brig.-General and Mrs. Sitwell, Brig.-General and Mrs. Yatman, Lt.-Col. and Mrs. Wild, Lt.-Col. E. M. Moulton-Barrett, Mr. B. T. G. Pringle, Lt.-Col. and Mrs. Rowan-Hamilton, The Rev. H. S. Clarke, C.F., P.M.C. 6th Bn., Lt.-Col. and Mrs. Hardman-Jones, Lt.-Col. and Mrs. Platt, Lt.-Col. and Mrs. Bett, Major and Mrs. A. Gibbes, Major A. P. Garnier, Major E. L. D. Forster, Capt. and Mrs. Gatehouse, Capt. and Mrs. Trenam, Capt. and Mrs. Sandford, Capt. and Mrs. Sutherland, Capt. and Mrs. C. G. Arkwright, Col. D. Sapte, Lieut. Forbes-Watson, Lieut. C. E. Beckwith, Lieut. C. F. C. Carr-Ellison, Student A. H. McPherson, Mr. and Mrs. George Redhead, Mr. and Mrs. Ambury, Sjt. and Mrs. Hallion, President Serjeants' Mess, Ulster Bombing Squadron, Royal Air Force, W.O. and Mrs. Maguire, Major and Mrs. B. T. St. John, Col. Rushbrooke, Officers 5/68th Regtl. Depôt, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. White.

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The Ball went the night through, and was full of fun and jollity and was undoubtedly a very great success.

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After parade on St. George's Day the members and guests had lunch in the Mess.

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Credit is due to C.S.M. Scally and his Committee for the very able manner in which they arranged this function, and their efforts were thoroughly appreciated by over 100 persons who sat down.

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Owing to spring cleaning and the advent of the painters (less the great "Peter"), functions have been at a discount in the Mess during May.

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We have, however, managed to hold two Whist Drives and two Dances.

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The Whist Drives were held on the 4th and 11th inst. Results were as follows :—

4th inst.	*Ladies.*	1, Mrs. Byrne	172
		2, Mrs. Capstaff	168
	Gents.	1, Sjt. Locke	170
		2, C.S.M. Ratliff ..	165
11th inst.	*Ladies.*	1, Mrs. Rowsell	181
		2, Mrs. Townson	176
		Booby, Miss Cox.	
	Gents.	1, Sjt. Locke, after tie with Mr. Craven ..	172
		2, Mr. Craven.	

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On the 8th instant we fielded a team at cricket against the Serjeants of the 68th, and had to admit defeat by 30 runs.

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The 68th scored 126, out of which Sjt. Brown helped himself to 86. He played a very sound innings, free from chances given,

Our congratulations to him on his achievement.

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Sjt. Walsh has been awarded the Medal for L.S. and G.C. He now joins the select band of "Rooty Wallahs." Congratulations, Matty.

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The Educational Authorities have suffered another reverse, and A/C.S.M. Blakey and Sjt. Hayward are to be congratulated upon overcoming the obstacles placed in their path.

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Both these members have successfully passed the 1st Class Certificate Examination held in March.

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Another step up the ladder to Warrant Rank and beyond ?

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A/C.S.M. Blakey has been confirmed in the rank of W.O. Class II., and A/Sjt. Smart in the rank of Serjeant with precedence from the dates of appointment to Acting Rank.

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"Jock" has assumed the duties of "Director of Ceremonies" at functions, in succession to "Creep," who retires from office covered in glory.

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To the latter we wish to express our appreciation for work carried out and ably performed.

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On the 18th instant, a Shooting Match between the Officers and Serjeants took place, and resulted in a win for the Serjeants by 31 points. The scores were :—Officers, 326 ; Serjeants, 357. The teams were as follows :—

OFFICERS.	SERJEANTS.
Capt. Newstead, D.S.O., M.C.	Sjt. Hobbs.
Lieut. Butterfield.	C.Q.M.S. Lewis.
Lieut. Crawhall.	C.S.M. Ratliff.
Capt. Seth-Smith.	Sjt. Wixon.
Lieut. Bolster.	Sjt. Urwin.
Lieut. Yorke.	Sjt. Hullyer.
Lieut. Stockley.	Sjt. Crawley.
Capt. Powell.	Q.M.S. (O.R.S.) Gale.

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We are still hoping to test our strength against the Officers, but this time at billiards.

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Now that the tennis courts are open it is noticed that several members are in strict training.

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One W.O. who is endeavouring to perfect his back-hand stroke is well ahead on boundaries, and keeps one child and one terrier fully employed retrieving balls so that the game may proceed without long periods of inactivity.

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A team of colts played a team of Corporals, but, as was expected, had to admit defeat.

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The billiard experts have been very quiet during the month, chiefly through the activities of the painters, etc., who have just completed re-decorating the interior of the Mess.

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On two occasions the writer of these notes has entered the

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billiard-room and found "Staker" diligently practising. On one occasion he was actually practising the "pendulum stroke."

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So evidently he means business, but whether his objective is the Billiard Cup or an ordinary handicap remains to be seen.

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It is noticed that on one of the garden plots by-products in the shape of onions, lettuce, radishes, etc., etc., have appeared.

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The N.C.O. i/c Messing has been instructed to record the progress of these articles, and also to ensure that the "Hunion King" does not secure a monopoly.

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It is understood that the "Hunion King" has applied for patent rights for a new pattern watering can, which, of many good points, ensures that the water is sweetened *en route* to mother earth by having it pass through fruit tins.

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It is hoped to find out at a later date which particular brand of fruit gives most stimulus to the seeds.

"A FISHYNGE STORY."

Once upon a time, in ye fayre land of Ley, there was a noble youth by name—Craw.

Now this younge man had a passione for a certayne hobby—to wit, "ye merrie fishynge."

He had also greate fame in his father's house, and indeed throughout ye whole countrie, as a man of greate honour and truth.

He was like unto that greate man "Washton," of the land of "Ing." Daily he would a-fishynge go, with ye rods and bait.

And lo! at night he did return, and retreatynge to ye meetynge place of his fellow-men, a goodly house which was name "Ye Old Messe," did relate unto them stories of his prowess.

And yet it was very strange forsooth, but never did his fellow-men at any time see the noble catch of which he did speak.

Behold! and theye began to doubt him and murmurs arose, "Gadzooks and odds bodikins! me thinketh that he lieth."

And it came to pass that these saynges reached unto the ears of the youth "Craw," of the land of Ley, and he was sore distressed and worried withall.

Said he to himselfe, "Varlets and knaves! but I will een prove my words," and so saynge he sallied forth.

(To be continued in our next.)

CORPORALS' CLUB NOTES.

March winds, April showers, bring forth May brides; our congratulations are extended to Cpl. Horlington and Lce.-Cpl. Heard on their respective marriages.

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Congratulations to Lce.-Cpl. Longstaff on the birth of a son.

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We also congratulate Cpl. Jamison on his promotion to that rank.

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The last Mess meeting has been summarized by a member, and we beg to portray his efforts:—

PHASE I.

"Rocky foundations and broken old slate.
Really it must be in a terrible state:
Balls running everywhere, round corners and curves,
'Till they run to their burrows with dignity hurt."

PHASE II.

"This little hole where pounds pass through,
Where anxious eyes oft glare at you;
Where Charleston, Tango, black bottles and beer
Are jumbled with "wads" and tea as they pass through here."

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Cpl. (Willow) Burns, after completing twenty-two years with the Colours, has left us to take up his abode in civil life at Frimley.

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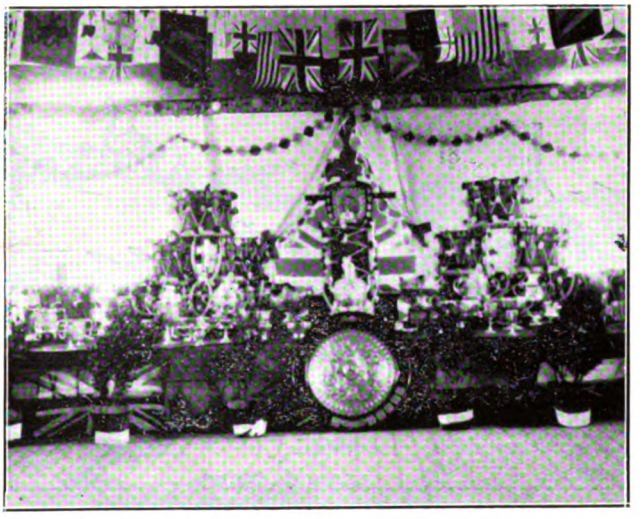
Cpl. Southern has been transferred to the Army Reserve; he has gone to Jarrow, where he invites any members of the fold to visit him at the "Royal Dog and Duck."



Photo] *[Band-Corpl. J. Obey.*

DRUMS, SILVER, ETC., ST. GEORGE'S BALL, BALLYKINLAR, 1927.

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Many of our members are now partaking of the useful exercise, now in full swing, swimming.

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One certain Lce.-Cpl. entered the sea and when the water covered his ankles he thought to himself, "Sufficient for the day is the evil thereof," and returned to camp quite "juicy."

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Our St. George's Dance was held on the 27th. This was a great success. Our thanks are due to the excellent services rendered by Miss Pollard, Miss Wilson and the N.A.A.F.I. Staff for the catering.

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The Dance was perfectly conducted by Cpl. Hackett and his Committee, and the members cordially thank this Committee.

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Cpl. Green, after a very short stay with us, for he has only just joined us from the 2nd Bn., has left for the Depôt. Many members were anticipating an invitation to his wedding, but "off with the old love and on with the new" must be his motto, for we have had no news of him for weeks.

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The fold is becoming very distressed with the continued absence of several of its members. Of course, we understand the loud speaker is not required now, but why should he take his tuning fork with him, and why should "Wall Eye" disappear?

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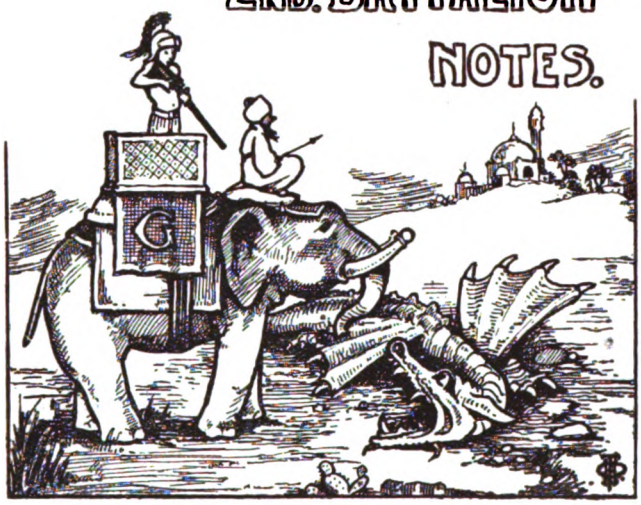
Heard in the Guard-room :—

A.—"Where is the Commanding Officer?"

B. (mistaking the question).—"He has gone down to the Cookhouse, Sir, with the tea bucket, Sir!"

"HUTTIE."

2ND. BATTALION NOTES.



NOWSHERA,
10th April, 1927.

The problem of a suitable style to adopt in the writing of the monthly notes is always an acute one. Some confine themselves to the conscientious retailing of the news items of the month, and adopt a terse, business-like style, scorning embellishments of any kind. Others write in a breezy, easy style, writing as if the facts they are relating are of minor importance compared to the manner of narration. Others, again, when entrusted with the duty of chronicling the events of the month, joyfully seize upon the opportunity to dazzle their readers with a profusion of many-syllabled and unusual words. Yet, again, there are those who, with flowing, well-rounded sentences and high-sounding phrases, unconsciously introduce an element of sarcasm into their brilliant descriptions of everyday events. There are many other styles, and we hesitate to give an opinion on the merits of any, but we think that the style of "Blanchette" might be a welcome change, and we will attempt to emulate that engaging correspondent of *The Bystander* in this month's notes.

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On the Kabut—Now.

Dear Fusiliers,

March has left us, and here we are in mid-April before we've even half-realised that March is over! "Alas! that Spring should vanish with the rose!" as that perfectly naughty old poet, Omar What's-is-name, wrote.

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Talking of roses 'minds me, St. George's Day is very close, and what with Tewts, belated musketry, and all sorts of tiresome things, we are rather backward in our drill. The Colonel and the Adjutant, 'tween you and me, were almost in despair this morning. But it's always the same on practice days, don't you think? On THE DAY everyone seems to excel himself, is it not?

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Mentioning despair, we've been so busy this last month that the R.S.M. hasn't even had time to shed a tear. You see, we have a tree-mendous inter-platoon competition going on. The winners are to wear gosling green lanyards for a year. Won't they look lovely! Enthusiasm is stupendous. Nearly all our old English games are represented—football, hockey, athletics, basket-ball, and, supreme test of all, a "march and shoot" competition. The Mall and all the main thoroughfares tremble daily to the tread of marching feet. Four and a half miles an hour, my dears, is about the average time for the five miles.

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The Signallers first caused alarm and despondency amongst the other platoons by completing the march in one hour and twenty minutes (including a ten minutes halt), and by making the seemingly unapproachable score of 253. Howsomever, No. 7 Platoon, under Mr. Hanmer, managed to carry off the final honours with a score of 267. We take off our berets to them. Tremendous interest was displayed in the effort of the Drums, led by our belov'dest late Acting-Adjutant, who completed the course in the marvellous time of one hour and fifteen minutes. Stirred, no doubt, to super-human effort by their large audience, especially by the eye of the lately returned genuine Adjutant, they made the immense score of 261. Also—and here is the cream of the jest—the dear old employed Platoon, under O.R.Q.M.S. Willson, who, metaphorically speaking, turned out amidst a storm of gibes and "the slings and arrows" of outrageous sarcasm, won to a glorious 7th place with a score of 234. They will return to their clerkly and highly skilled labours with the glow of honourable achievement in the field to lighten their dim offices, sawdusty workshops, or lonely night vigils on the Mall. Good old stiffs!

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By-the-by, "B" Company are to be congratulated on putting 4 points on to their last year's average in Table R., also in having ten marksmen this year, led by that veteran marksman, Major Foster, who put all the young'uns to shame with a score of 119. Fus. Rochester, of this year's draft, was nearest behind him and is Company shot with a score of 113.

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While we're on the subject of shots, and marksmen and things military, we must mention, almost with a sigh of relief, that Col.-Commandant S. F. Muspratt, A.D.C., C.S.I., C.I.E., C.B.E., D.S.O., carried out the annual Brigade-Commander's inspection on 2nd April. There was a brief trade revival in "Stikphast" towards the end of March.

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I wonder how long it will take our latest arrivals from overseas to realise that Nowshera ain't such a bad little place after all. We were very glad to see them looking so fresh on arrival, and, judging from their physique, we hope great things of them in the way of boxing and games, to say nothing of soldiering. An addition of eight boys is very welcome, and will do a great deal to make the lot of our "veteran" boys a happier one. More boys, more football. What about The

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Boys *versus* The Serjeants?—with Boy Brooks and Serjeant Cosgrove as opposing centre-forwards?

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It is always gratifying to welcome the brothers of old friends

MARCH AND SHOOT COMPETITION, No. 11 PLATOON.

in the Battalion, and we are very glad to have them. We hope it means that the pioneer brother has such a good account to give of his interests in the Regiment, that "little brother" or "big brother" feels called upon to follow in his footsteps.

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In spite of the fever of activity caused by the aforesaid Inter-Platoon competitions, we have found time to enter four Company teams for the "Scissors" Football competition. "A" Company beat "B" Squadron of the 5th/6th Dragoons; "C" Company lost to the 60th Field Battery R.A.; "B" Company beat "I" Squadron 5th/6th Dragoons; and "D" Company beat the Cavalry Brigade Signals. So we are certain of having one Company team in the semi-finals.

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While we have been spending our time in "the daily round, the common task," two stirring episodes, worthy of one's romantic ideas of the North-West frontier, have been happening quite close to us.

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First, a band of seventeen raiders, under the famous rifle thief, Shar Rahmat, attacked a village ten miles from here. He was met, perhaps unfortunately, by a body of armed police, who opened fire, killed two, severely wounded three others, and captured the leader of the raiders. The police, by their usual means of persuasion, soon discovered where the rifles were hidden, and captured the lot. They were Martinis cut down to a sufficiently short length to be hidden in the baggy trousers of the raiders. Of the remaining fugitives, seven were subsequently captured near the scene of the attack. The rest have apparently escaped, in spite of picquets posted along the Nowshera road by the 3/1st Punjab Regiment and a cordon of levies being drawn round the Malahand and along the Dir Border.

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The second affair—it can be called nothing else—was witnessed by Mr. Collingwood on leave at Malahand. Two villages were disputing the grazing rights of a certain hill, and the elders went to discuss the matter with the Political Agent. While this *jirga* was being held the young blood of one of the villages got out of hand, and seizing their fire-arms, varying from modern rifles to muzzle loaders that fired bullets the size of tennis balls, lined an adjacent hill and opened a heavy fire on the rival villagers, who got under cover and returned the fire. The garrison of Malahand sat on the wall of their fort and had a front row of the stalls. The firing continued for half an hour, when the local levies arrived and pointed out that the garrison of the fort could not get their afternoon sleep with all the noise going on. At this the attackers apologised and went home. The war was over, and the elders settled the vexed question of cattle grazing. It may be pointed out here that the Swati is not a good shot and usually not too well armed, as may be deduced from the fact that after half an hour's heavy fighting the total casualties were only one woman and one child slightly wounded, and both hit by mistake.

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The only regret on the part of the garrison of Malahand was that the brass cannon of the village were not used. The reason for this, apparently, was that the master gunner, armourer, and general metal worker of the village was away mending the radiator of a Ford car belonging to an officer of the Fort garrison, and so could not attend.

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While these thrilling battles have been going on around us, we have continued our training for war, and boxing has taken a large part in the syllabus. Our team, having won the Peshawar District Championship, went to Rawal Pindi to compete in the Northern Command Championship. The winners of the other District Championships in the Command were The Seaforth Highlanders (Lahore District), The 60th Rifles (Wazaristan),

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and the East Surrey Regt. (Rawal Pindi District). The Seaforths won the Northern Command Championship with 25 points, the 60th Rifles were second with 20 points, and we were third with 15.

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In the *Fly-weights*, Fus. McMullen, after beating Rflmn. Dredge in a good fight, was knocked out by Pte. Morgan, of the Seaforths, the eventual winner.

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In the *Bantams*, Fus. Oakes damaged his hand so badly that he had to retire when fighting Pte. McManus of the Seaforths in the 1st Series.

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Fus. Phillips (*Feathers*) was beaten on points by Pte. Dixon of the Seaforths. If Phillips had thought less of obtaining a knock-out and more of his defence, he should have won easily.

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Fus. Cross (*Lights*) was beaten on points by Pte. Gorman of the Seaforths, after a good, even fight. Gorman was the more aggressive.

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In the *Welters*, Dmr. Crispin was beaten on points by Pte. Barber of the East Surreys.

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In the *Middles*, Fus. Murphy was beaten on points by Rflmn. Hearsey. Murphy was the better, stronger and fitter man, but threw away the fight by trying for a knock-out, and neglecting his defence.

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Dmr. Hayton was beaten on points by Pte. Roach of the Seaforths. Hayton was not in his usual form. His footwork was weak, he did not make use of his reach, and he lacked confidence.

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Bdsmn. Burns fought well and beat Pte. Munday of the East Surreys and Lce.-Cpl. Gilbert of the 60th, thus winning his weight in the team competition. He was knocked out in the final of the Individual competition by Fus. Byman (R.S. Fus.), who was a much better boxer, with more experience. However, Burns should go a long way.

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We were unfortunate in losing Fus. Catterick and Cpl. Jacobs from the team, owing to injuries sustained while boxing in Peshawar and during training. However, our prospects for next year look good.

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So much for boxing, except to mention that the "Hart" Medals Competition is in progress. The result will be published separately.

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We all know the proverb, "Fine feathers make fine birds," but who ever heard that "fine beards make fine polo players." It is so. As witness the following account :—

The "Nowshera United" Polo Team, *alias* "The Big Four," consisting of Capt. Warden, R.A., Mr. Wells, R.A., Mr. Ingledew and Mr. Martin, have entered for the Risalpar Polo Tournament, and in order to gain confidence by playing together, recently arranged a practice game in which "the Dug-outs," a veteran side consisting of Rear-Admiral Lord Baxter, Surgeon-General Sir James Hogshaw, Mr. Trapps-Lomax (*ex*-Postmaster-General), and Risaldar Grimley Singh, each wearing his old club colours, turned out for a last gallop in the old game, and to show the young idea how it should be done.

The match resulted in a draw—2 all—after an exhilarating 2 chukkers, in which it was an inspiring sight to see Lord Baxter galloping down the field, his golden beard streaming in the sun; Sir James Hogshaw, in his scarlet coat, top hat, and flowing black moustache, in the thickest of the fray; the old Postmaster-General, with his long and still raven locks floating in the breeze, hitting half the length of the field in one two-handed drive; and the Risaldar, his greasy black hair blowing about his eyes, riding his magnificent black pony as if it was a country tatt. And then to contrast them with the beardless boys, their opponents! "Ichabod!" the glory is departed out of polo.

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But not so golf. Capt. Hogshaw and Mr. Ingledew represented us in the Inter-Regimental Golf Tournament in Peshawar, and successively beat District Headquarters by 3 and 2, Divisional Signals by 2 and 1, and were beaten by the Royal Tank Corps pair in the final by 2 down.

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Blanchette died of ennui paragraphs ago, as the reader will have realised. Blow style, let's have news, in the well-known style of Brig. Kishore or P.F.F.

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1. *Welcomes.* We are all rejoiced to see Mr. Humphreys amongst us again, looking more like his former inimitable self after his rest at Home.

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Mr. Earle who, on arrival at Bombay on his return to India from a tour at the Depôt, was diverted to the Machine Gun School, Ahmednagar, to attend a Brigade Machine Gun Officers' Course, has joined us once more. We are very glad to have him with us again after his two years' absence.

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Other arrivals during the month have been those of 2nd-Lieut. Rajah Mohammed Afzul Jangua, I.A.V.L., and 2nd-Lieut. P. H. B. Edwards, I.A.V.L. We hope their year's attachment to the Regiment will be a happy one.

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2. *Farewells.*—Lt.-Col. S. H. Kershaw, D.S.O., has left us for the hot weather, to take up the appointment of G.S.O. 1 Peshawar District. We know that our sorrow at losing him is only equalled by his sorrow at leaving us.

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Mr. Hobbs, Mr. Bucknall, and Mr. Kingstone have gone Home on leave. We are *not* sorry to lose them. Blast them! Why can't we go! Anyway, we hope they will enjoy themselves.

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3. *Appointments* (Blanchette again).—Humph adj. once more. Tubby relegated to the loungers of the Ration Stand (Orderly Dog—poor mutt!), or will be when he has handed over Schemes A, B, C—Z.

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We were very pleased to learn of General Deverill's appointment as Quartermaster-General to the Army in India, and we take this opportunity of welcoming an old friend of the Regiment back to India.

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4. *Courses.*—Major Ovans has completed his course at the Senior Officers' School at Belgaum. We congratulate him on his success.

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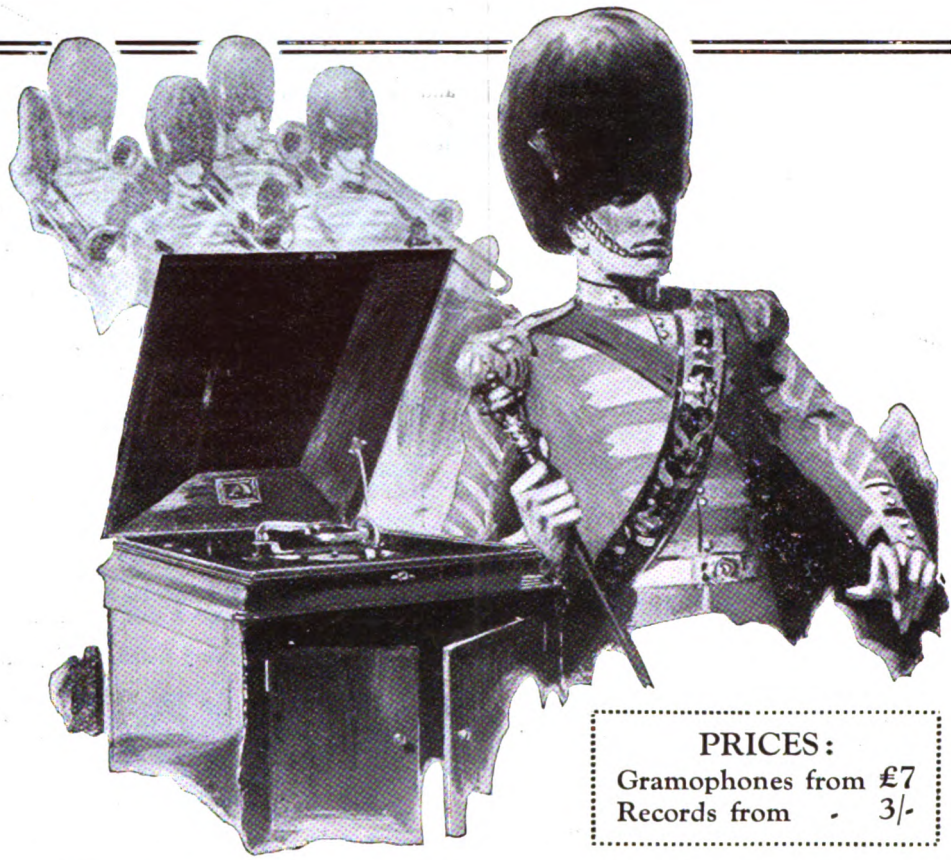

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It is very gratifying to know, as is evident from his letters to Colonel Kershaw, that Colonel McNamara still takes such a keen interest in the Battalion, even though he is so far away from us.

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An extraordinary phenomenon was observed shortly after 2 p.m. to-day. Our Acting-Quartermaster was found all alone on a sofa in the ante-room actually crooning to himself. Is it that "in the Spring a young man's fancy ——" or has he found a pin, axis, pawl that he didn't know he had?

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During the month we have been mainly occupied with firing R.M.R., and in an intensive series of competitions to decide the Platoon Championship.

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The "March and Shoot" competition has, in particular, been keenly contested, and was won by No. 7 Platoon, by a narrow margin. Detailed scores are given.

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As we write, the final result is still in doubt, with several Platoons still in the running.

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The Battalion, less "C" and "D" Companies, marches for Cherat on 1st May.

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"C" Company is to remain in Nowshera for May, June and July, moving into the vacated barracks of the 11th Pack Battery R.A.

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"D" Company moves to Khanspur, near Murree, on 7th May: these two latter Companies change over on 1st August.

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The liaison between the two-footed and four-footed Bees is being well maintained. On Wednesday, 23rd March, the Squadron played the Company at soccer on our Battalion ground. A well-contested game ended in the Company's favour by 1 goal to nil, which restored our self-conceit a little from the shock it had received at the previous match.

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On Saturday following most of us went over to Risalpur in the evening to witness "B" Squadron's Inter-Troop Boxing. The fighting was of the best, the men being well matched and in good fettle. Captain Rhodes had also kindly included three events for us in the programme—two contests and an eight-minute mill competition. Fus. Murphy fought Trooper Randle in a three round middle-weight contest. The latter put up a good fight, but practically succumbed to a knock-out in which his head met the boards with a terrible thump. We trust that the resulting tenderness did not incommode him for many days after his plucky fight. Honours were evened by the second contest, Fus. Johnson taking the count from Bdsmn. Gibbons, of the Dragoons. Gibbons had just come on man's service, and should make a very good boxer.

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Catterick, who had been billed for this contest, was unfortunately unable to fight, as he had sprained his wrist and fractured his thumb just previously while playing on one of our rocky games grounds.

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The mill was great fun. Eight of our heroes went into the ring in rapid succession for a minute each against equal weights of the Squadron. The fighting, as may be imagined, was fast and furious, and though the result was given in our favour there is no doubt that both sides pummelled each other good and hearty. Our representatives were Lce. Cpls. O'Rourke and Leach, Fusrs. Oakes, Smith, Wright, Stephenson and Johnson, and Bdsmn. Burns.

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Altogether a very pleasant evening, in which all enjoyed themselves hugely and came away with a lively feeling of the kindness and hospitality of our good friends of the mounted arm.

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RESULT OF MARCH AND SHOOT COMPETITION.

Place.	*Platoon.*	*Score.*	*Platoon Commander.*
1st	7	267	2nd-Lt. R. G. Hanmer
2nd	21 (Drums)	261	Lieut. E. O. Martin
3rd	17 (Sigs.)	253	Lieut. R. S. Surtees
4th	11	252	2nd-Lt. L. V. A. Brewster
5th	6	250	C.S.M. Moon
6th	9	234	2nd-Lt. R. M. A. Janjua
7th (6th)	19 (Employed)		O.R.Q.M.S. Willson
8th	20 (Band)	218	Sjt. Beatty
9th (8th)	12		Sjt. Baker
10th	18 (M.G.'s)	217	Lt. E. H. D. Grimley
11th	10	210	Lt. W. R. M. Clifford
12th	5	207	Lt. H. A. Ingledew
13th	2	200	C.S.M. Davis
14th	13	192	Cpl. Palmer
15th	8	191	2nd-Lt. K. O. N. Foster
16th	4	185	Sjt. Grace
17th	15	183	Sjt. Fairley
18th	16	181	2nd-Lt. C. J. Bradford
19th	14	169	C.S.M. Beck
20th	8	168	Lt. B. D. Tarleton
21st	1	146	Sjt. Wasse

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COMPANY AVERAGES.

1st	H.Q. Wing	236.6
2nd	"B" Company	228.7
3rd	"C" ,, ...	228.5
4th	"D" ,, ...	181.2
5th	"A" ,, ...	174.7

DEPÔT NOTES.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE,
21st May, 1927.

Summer has arrived—according to the newspapers. As regards the suitability of the weather for the playing of cricket and tennis, we rather think that the newspapers are a little early with their announcement.

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Several practice games of cricket have been held, and we are hoping to meet many old friends as the season progresses. It was unfortunate that we were unable to play our first match of the season against the Armstrong-Whitworth XI. on Saturday, 14th, at Benwell, the match having to be abandoned owing to rain. Net practice is in full swing in the evenings, and many of the young hands show considerable promise. We hope our future opponents will read, mark, and inwardly digest this last point, as we are determined to defeat them, come what may.

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The January Squad proceeded to Ponteland to fire Part III, of Table "A" on 12th and 13th May. The results were not quite so brilliant as we had hoped, one of our enemies being the weather, which once again persisted in being dull and cold. Otherwise we are all agreed that Ponteland is a very charming and healthy spot, and shooting there can never be termed monotonous, as the sheep which cross the ranges from time to time afford the Instructors an excellent opportunity of teaching "aiming off for movement."

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We have received so far neither summonses nor charges, such as, "To one sheep (aged)—15/6." Our motto in this case is "Let sleeping sheep lie."

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Mr. Forbes-Watson left us at the beginning of the month for a short period of leave. We hear that he has been in the doctor's hands, who has forbidden him any contact with the little red books.

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Broadcasting does not as a rule have much attraction for us, but we are glad to say that very soon we hope to be entertaining the whole of the North of England to some very excellent vocal renderings of such songs as "The Blaydon Races," "Keep your feet still, Geordie Hinny," and several others. We refer to community singing, which has just commenced here and is making great strides.

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The Adjutant and O.C. Recruit Company may be observed any Wednesday afternoon, wearing large white gloves, standing upon an old box, skilfully, and with great fervour, conducting the voices of the Depôt Staff and Recruit Company. One must not forget the pianist, who is most invaluable in giving us *the* note on which to begin. Without him we should be nowhere.

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Colonel Platt left us on 16th May to undergo a Course of Instruction at the Royal Tank Central Schools, Wool, Dorset, after which he proceeded on leave until 2nd June.

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We welcome Mr. Ogden and Mr. Ridley, of the 5th Battalion, who have joined us for their month's initial training.

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Those who knew Mr. Hopper will be interested to hear of his marriage, which will take place at Harrogate on 18th June, 1927. We take this opportunity of wishing them both all happiness.

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Capt. Waight, Mr. Bennett and Mr. Forbes-Watson left us on Saturday, the 21st, to proceed to Ripon to look at the 149th Brigade Training Area. We hope that they won't find life at the Spa too arduous.

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We congratulate the following on the award of the Long Service and Good Conduct Medals:—Q.M.S. (O.R.S.) J. E. Wardle, Sjt. A. L. Fitzgerald, Fus. J. Battersby.

SERJEANTS' MESS NOTES.

FENHAM BARRACKS.

During the past two months we have had visits from members of the Royal Naval Experimental Staff, who have been accommodated and rationed by the Depôt. Many happy evenings have been spent in their Company, and we are sorry they have had to return to Portsmouth.

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They were here in connection with the fitting up for her trials of H.M.S. *Nelson*.

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We challenged them to billiards, football and shooting, and were successful in defeating them on each occasion.

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Lce.-Sjt. Brown has left us on completion of his tour of duty, and re-joined the 1st Battalion. We wish him luck and hope to see him in the very near future.

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We entertained the Tynemouth Brigade, Royal Artillery, to a Social Evening, billiards, euchre, etc., and were defeated at both. It is rumoured our defeat at euchre was due to the "Duck" holding the "John," two "Benny's," two "Bowers," and knocking.

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A Billiard Handicap is now in full swing for a Cue and Case, kindly presented to the Mess for competition.

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The Annual St. George's Ball was a huge success, thanks to the hard work of the President and Committee, who were rather "tired" next morning.

4TH (T.A.) BATTALION NOTES.

NEWBURN-ON-TYNE,
25th May, 1927.

May, from our point of view, is perhaps the busiest month of the year, and in this case a lot of useful training has been carried out. The weather has favoured us throughout.

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Musketry is practically completed, and, in addition, two Sundays per Company have been found for Field Days.

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The first of these for the Newburn Detachment was held on the Hexham Race Course, which was kindly placed at our disposal by the Hexham Race Course Company; the second was held in the vicinity of Prudhoe, on some excellent training ground, the use of which was obtained through the good offices of the O.C. Prudhoe Guards.

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In good weather some very valuable training can be done on these Field Days, and there is no doubt that it is far pleasanter and more interesting to put in three drills in the country in the open air, rather than in the obscurity of the Drill Hall. Happily this point of view seems to have struck the majority of the Battalions, and considering that this was the first time these Field Days have been tried, the strength of the parades was most gratifying.

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On 21st a visit was paid to the Camp Area at Ripon, by Col. Cruddas, the Adjutant, Quartermaster and Company Commanders, when they spent a wet, but we hope profitable week-end.

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The salient feature of the Camp was a precipitous sand pit, which appears to have been carefully placed as a trap for the unwary Orderly Officer, directly between the Officers' lines and the Camp.

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5TH (T.A.) BATTALION NOTES.

WALKER-ON-TYNE,
May, 1927.

The training season is now in full swing, including an "intensive week's" training from the 16th to the 20th May, which includes drills and classes every night. Luckily the weather on drill nights has been fine, which has enabled us to do a certain amount of training out of doors.

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A Machine Gun and a Signal Class this month have been well attended. Mr. Ogden and Mr. Ridley are doing a month's attachment to the Depôt; in spite of their working there all day, they still put in drills with us in the evenings, which is a good augury of their keenness.

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Camp is drawing very near, and there is an increasing amount of "military atmosphere" accordingly. The Commanding Officer, the Adjutant and Capt. Leete visited the training areas at Ripon on the 15th May, but did not appear to be very impressed with the areas, which is a pity.

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These same three and the remainder of the Company Commanders visit the areas on the 21st/22nd May to prepare their schemes, etc. No doubt some of these Officers will visit that old lure, Harrogate, after the work is done, when once more the "Kursaal" and Valley Gardens will form "forming up" places for various "attacks"!

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The Armstrong-Whitworth Cadet Battalion, which is affiliated to us, gave us a very fine P.T. display on the 18th May. These cadets won the Lucas-Tooth P.T. Competition last year. Everyone was particularly impressed with their efficiency and smartness, which, considering that they do the work in their own time, is exceptional. Great praise is due to them and their instructors, and we are very grateful to them for their display.

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Lt.-Col. W. Platt, D.S.O., very kindly wended his way down to us from the Depôt on the 5th May and gave us a very interesting lecture on Regimental History, and we were glad to note that his knowledge of psychology is great enough to refrain from inundating his audience with a mass of dates; and, as he said, it is not the dates that matter, but the deeds and the spirit of them which should live in all of us as an inheritance to be closely guarded and handed on to subsequent generations. We thank him for a very excellent lecture, and hope he will come to us again.

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We are busy organising teams for the Northumberland Rifle Association Meeting to be held at Ponteland at Whitsuntide. We hope to do better than last year, but we suffer from lack of practice, due partly to an inability to get targets during the week-ends owing to obligatory musketry naturally taking precedence; and as about five units use these ranges there is very rarely any chance of spare targets for practice purposes. Still, we hope for the best.

6TH BATTALION NOTES.

THIRD "ST. JULIEN" RE-UNION DINNER.

Memories of the Battle of St. Julien on 26th April, 1915, when the Northumbrian Territorials underwent their baptism of fire in France seven days after leaving Blyth, were recalled on the occasion of the Third Annual Re-union Dinner of those who served in that encounter with the 1/6th Bn. Northumberland Fusiliers (T.F.), which was held at St. George's Drill Hall, Newcastle-on-Tyne, on 26th April, 1927.

Lieut.-Col. G. R. B. Spain, C.M.G., T.D., who was in command of the Battalion at St. Julien, presided over a large attendance. "I have heard it said that this Battalion prevented the invasion of England," he declared. "At any rate, our attack had a very pungent effect upon the Germans. They did not attack, and they never took Ypres.

"It was a soul-stirring experience. I have seen many fine things, but never a finer or more spectacular sight than the attack of the Northumberlands at St. Julien. I thought how terrific it was, and how beautiful it was."

In the attack, he mentioned, the Battalion lost 7 Officers and 114 men killed, and 7 Officers and 492 men wounded, so that there was not much of the Battalion left.

ST. JULIEN.

Following the Loyal toast, Col. Spain submitted the silent toast of "Fallen Comrades," which was observed by the members standing.

Major J. L. Lovibond, T.D., President of the Re-union, proposed the toast of "Success to the Re-union," and read a speech of congratulation made by Lord French after the Battle to the Brigade.

Lt.-Col. E. Temperley, D.S.O., T.D., toasted "The Visitors," to which Col. E. Pinkney, D.S.O., T.D., D.L., R.A.S.C., replied.

The toast of "Our Officers" was proposed by Drum-Major B. Snowdon, Hon. Secretary, and Colonel Spain, the Chairman, responded.

Mr. G. Harbottle proposed the toast of "The Artistes," to which Mr. R. Evans replied.

Other Officers present were:—Lt.-Col. W. Anderson, D.S.O., M.C.; Lt.-Col. F. R. I. Athill, C.M.G. (Adjutant of the Battalion at St. Julien); Lt.-Col. A. D. S. Rogers, T.D.; Major G. E.

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Wilkinson, M.C.; Major R. F. Burnand, O.B.E.; Capt. F. Dawson, M.C.; Capt. F. C. Clayton, M.C.; Capt. G. F. Bell, Capt. R. W. Nicholson, Capt. A. Thompson, Capt. F. McLaren, Capt. T. P. Parmeter, Capt. and Adjutant J. Leese, Lieut. H. Waugh.

Major-General Sir Percival S. Wilkinson, K.C.M.G., C.B., Order of St. John, late G.-O.-C. 50th Northumbrian Division, wrote expressing his regret at not being able to be present at the Dinner, owing to being on duty in Northern Ireland.

Lt.-Col. the Rev. T. E. Crawhall, D.S.O., late Senior Chaplain to the 50th Division, sent a telegram to say that he was unable to be present, owing to illness.

Songs and monologues were rendered by Messrs. R. Evans, J. Embleton and E. Teasdale; and Capt. G. F. Bell rendered "Blaydon Races" by special request, the chorus of which nearly lifted the roof off the Drill Hall.

Cpl. W. Hall and Mr. A. E. Wilson were the accompanists.

The singing of "Auld Lang Syne" rounded off a successful function.

7TH BATTALION NOTES.

ALNWICK,
24th May, 1927.

We had a very successful St. George's Dinner at the White Swan Hotel, Alnwick, on the 26th April, when some 40 Officers and ex-Officers were present. We were very pleased to see such a good beat-up of old faces again, and just hope that our next gathering will be as successful.

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The Divisional and Brigade Commanders were both present.

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Our Honorary Colonel, the Duke of Northumberland, was unfortunately not able to attend; and we were also very sorry that General Sir Percival Wilkinson and General E. P. A. Riddell also had to refuse.

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Training is going ahead at high pressure in all branches, at each Company station, and we are all looking forward to a first-class Camp at Ripon next month.

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We had a week-end visit to the Camping Ground and Training Area (for Company Commanders) during last week-end; and we were able to have a good look round the various areas, with a view to having "schemes" all cut and dried before moving into camp. Some of us were also able to carry out preliminary reconnaissances with a view to "Night Ops."

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We put up at the Spa and Unicorn Hotels.

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Companies are having turns at Moor Laws Camp for Musketry, and so far the results have been highly pleasing.

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Strength to-day—Officers, 20; Other Ranks, 591.

"A" COMPANY NOTES.

On the 30th April/1st May we had a week-end camp at Moor Laws to fire our Annual Musketry Course. The Saturday began badly, as we had a fall of snow on our way to the range, but fortunately when the buses reached Alnwick the weather cleared up and we had a glorious week-end.

We were pleased to see the C.O. at the firing point.

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Now that the nights are getting longer we are able to get into Cottingwood for training.

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Congratulations to the following N.C.O.'s on their promotion:—C.Q.M.S. Stevenson to C.S.M.; Cpl. Fletcher to Serjeant; Cpl. J. Costelloe to Serjeant; Lce.-Cpl. Howey to Serjeant; and Lce.-Cpl. O'Hare to Corporal.

"C" COMPANY AND ALNWICK DETACHMENT NOTES.

We are now at the height of our Training prior to Camp, and all ranks are looking forward to the period when they can forget the worries of civilian life and put all their energies into real soldiering.

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Quite a happy and enjoyable evening was spent at Amble on the 2nd May, when the W.O.'s and Serjeants held their Annual St. George's Ball. The Drill Hall had been decorated by the Committee so well that it was difficult to imagine that it was the Drill Hall.

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We were honoured by the presence of our Commanding Officer, Major the Hon. H. B. Robson and Mrs. Robson, the Adjutant, Capt. R. Trenam, M.B.E., M.C., Capt. J. C. Carr-Ellison, our Company Commander, Capt. and Mrs. Todd, Capt. and Mrs. Appleby, Lieut. and Miss Fawcus, and Lieut. Simpson.

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The music was supplied by Mr. Wittle's Band, and was greatly appreciated by all. Although the numbers present were not up to our expectations we think the weather was to blame. Our thanks are due to the hard-working Committee, namely C.S.M. Wardrope, Sjt. Murray, C.Q.M.S. White, Sjt. Tuck, Sjt. Welch, and Sjt. Guy.

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We commenced our Musketry Course at Moor Laws on Saturday, 14th May. Again the old cry, the weather was bad. Conditions were certainly far from being ideal. We hoped to start firing at 2 p.m., but owing to the rain we were unable to carry out our programme until 4 p.m., and even then it rained slightly throughout the remainder of the day, so we hope on our next visit to the range we shall be blessed with "luck."

BERWICK DETACHMENT NOTES.

The Annual St. George's Ball took place at the Drill Hall on the 27th inst., and proved a great success.

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The Hall was very tastefully decorated by the Committee, who spared no effort to make the whole venture a success.

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Mr. Allan and his Orchestra provided the music, which was of a very high order and enjoyed by all.

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The catering was in the capable hands of Mrs. Cole, and it goes without saying that this part of the programme was highly successful.

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About 80 couples took the floor, and amongst those present were the Commanding Officer, Major the Hon. H. R. Robson, the Adjutant, Capt. R. Trenam, Capt. and Mrs. Todd, Capt. S. H. Gallon, Lieut. and Mrs. Moscrop, Lieut. M. Robson, Major H. R. Smail, Capt. and Mrs. Appleby, Capt. J. C. Carr-Ellison, and many others who have had some connection with the Company in the days gone by.

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We must mention that the Officers, W.O.'s and Serjeants of the Depôt K.O.S.B. were present in force and thoroughly entered into the spirit of the Ball, and I think that they and we are the happier for such a night together.

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The Annual Church Parade of No. 16 Platoon at Chatton took place on Sunday, the 8th of May.

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A very strong muster was on parade, which was attended by the ex-Service men and the majority of the villagers.

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The Church was very nicely decorated for the occasion, and we were honoured by the presence of the Bishop of Newcastle, who was paying a visit to that church.

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A splendid sermon was preached by the Vicar, Canon Long, of Chatton, who reminded all what the Territorial Army actually represented, and he said that if the biggest majority of the young men of to-day would enter into the spirit of the thing and join the Territorial Army this old Country of ours would be a better place to live in.

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He also mentioned that there had been soldiers in Chatton since the year 1794 without a break—surely a record for so small a village, which is miles away from any town.

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The Musketry season is now in full swing, and good progress is being made, and if only the weather holds out the majority of men will have fired before Camp.

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The Annual Training Season is near at hand, and one and all are anticipating a very enjoyable fortnight.

Editorial Notes.

THE OLD MILL HOUSE,
PRESTON CROWMARSH,
NEAR WALLINGFORD,
May, 1927.

We are now in a position to supply Bound Volumes for the following years :—1890, 1891, 1895, 1896, 1897, 1899, 1901, 1921, 1922, 1923, 1924, 1925 and 1926. 10/- each.

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Subscriptions due in June :—

Lieut. J. Byrne
Major J. G. Forsyth
Serjeants' Mess, Prudhoe Coy., 4th Bn.
Major H. R. Smail

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The following *Gazettes* are at the Printers awaiting addresses, having been returned by the Post Office as undelivered owing to addresses being unknown :—

Mrs. Harcourt-Vernon
Miss M. Crisp
Mrs. Henry Kilgour
Mr. M. Birtwhistle
Lieut. R. W. H. Fryer, M.C.
Lieut. W. P. Jones

OLD COMRADES' ASSOCIATION.

ST. GEORGE'S DAY, 1927.

The Old Comrades' Association again celebrated St. George's Day in customary style : the function being the Fifth Fusiliers' St. George's Ball, held this year at the Headquarters of the 56th/1st London Divisional Signals, T.A., 51, Calthorpe Street, W.C. 1.

Over 300 were present, among whom were many Old Fusiliers whose names are mentioned wherever two or three Fusiliers are gathered together.

The Ballroom was tastefully decorated in traditional style with Red and White Roses ; music being supplied by the Thorpe London Orchestra.

Photo] [*Mr. H. I. Morgan.*

MAJOR-GENERAL T. D. PILCHER, C.B., CAPT. J. T. ROWLAND, MR. P. MAYDON AT THE CENOTAPH.

All present wore Red and White Roses, which were purveyed by two of our hardworking lady members—Mrs. M. Broad and Mrs. H. I. Morgan, wife of our indefatigable Honorary Secretary, Mr. H. I. Morgan (" Johnnie ").

The duties of M.C. were efficiently carried out by Mr. G. Redhead, Mr. W. H. Matthews, Mr. J. Weston.

Great credit must be given to the Committee for the splendid organisation, etc., in their efforts to ensure that everyone spent an enjoyable evening. This was, without doubt, achieved.

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WREATH CEREMONY ON SUNDAY, 24TH APRIL, AT THE CENOTAPH.

Notwithstanding the late hour at which we broke up the

Photo] [*Mr. H. I. Morgan.*

MAJOR W. M. ALLAN, MR. A. E. RIDLER, MR. J. HYAMS AND MR. J. BURTON MARCH FROM HORSE GUARDS PARADE TO CENOTAPH.

"night before," and that feeling usually associated with such functions, a gallant muster of upwards of 250 All Ranks paraded

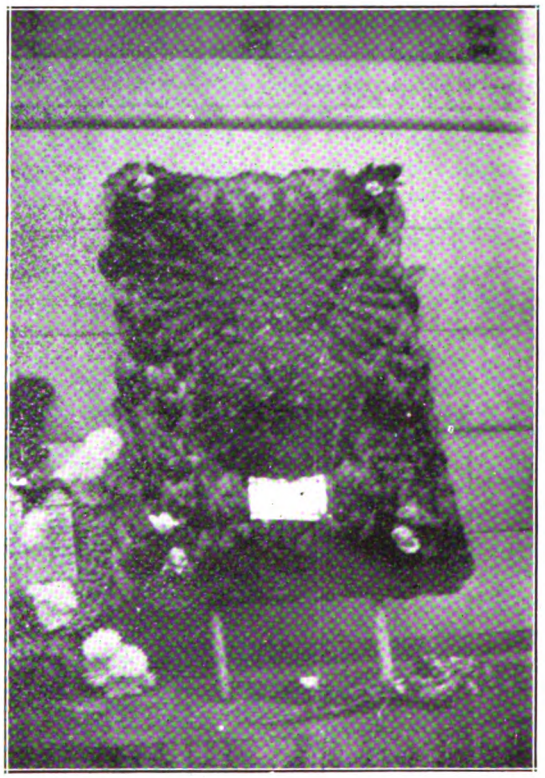
Photo] [*Mr. M. Broad.*

MR. G. REDHEAD (LATE R.S.M.) AND CAPT. J. T. ROWLAND.

at 12 noon at the Horse Guards Parade, under Major-General T. D. Pilcher, C.B., in connection with the laying of a wreath on the Cenotaph in memory of Fallen Comrades.

In the solemnity of those few minutes there was not one of us whose memory did not go back to things seen, hot corners remembered, good comrades fallen, fighting the good fight. May we never forget.

After the ceremony we re-assembled at the Headquarters of



Photo] [*Mr. W. Wright.*

WREATH ON CENOTAPH.

the Corps of Commissionaires, 419, Strand, where many new members were enrolled and old friendships renewed.

No. 8458 "QUO FATA VOCANT."

Letter to the Editor.

6, RICHMOND BRIDGE MANSIONS,
TWICKENHAM.
22nd May, 1927.

To the Editor of "St. George's Gazette."

DEAR SIR,

Many of your readers will doubtless remember that on the disbandment of the 3rd Bn. 5th Fusiliers, the whole of the available Battalion Funds were invested in a Trust, particulars of which were published in the *St. George's Gazette* of the 30th April, 1907. £3,000 L. & N.W. Railway Debenture Stock (3 %) were purchased with the funds then available, and a further £134 of the same Stock was purchased in 1910 with monies subsequently received from sale of Mess plate. The interest of the Trust Fund has been regularly paid to the Northumberland Fusiliers' Aid Society.

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Twenty years having elapsed since the formation of the Trust, the whole of the Trust Fund has now been transferred to the Trustees of the Aid Society in accordance with para. 3 of the Trust Indenture.

The 3rd Battalion Trust Fund therefore has ceased to exist. The Trustees of the Fund were Brigadier-General Hon. C. Lambton, D.S.O., Colonel E. W. Dashwood, C.B.E., the late Brigadier-General J. F. Riddell, and myself.

The Aid Society has benefited to the extent of about £1,850 from the Fund during its 20 years' existence, and will continue to benefit to the extent of some £94 per annum if the investments continue intact.

Yours faithfully,
D. SAPTE, Colonel
(*formerly 2nd-in-Comd. 3/5th Fusiliers*).

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR EMPLOYMENT OF REGULAR SAILORS, SOLDIERS AND AIRMEN.

119, VICTORIA STREET, LONDON, S.W. 1.

(1) The Association was founded on 4th February, 1885, on the occasion of a special meeting of "Persons interested in the question of employing Reserve Soldiers in Civil Life," with Field-Marshal Lord Napier of Magdala in the chair. The general policy, object and principles, as drawn up by its first Committee were as follows. They still govern the actions of the Association, but now apply to Sailors and Airmen as well as to Soldiers :—

(a) The civilian element should always be regarded as an important factor in its management—*i.e.* the work of the Association should be national.

(b) The Association to be a free Labour Agency to assist Reserve and discharged soldiers of "Good" character in obtaining employment, and a medium through which employers might seek for men of high training and discipline. No fees to be charged to employers or employees.

(c) In no sense a charitable organisation. It should keep itself aloof from giving monetary help of any kind, so that men of the highest character and qualifications could utilise the services of the Association without loss of self-respect.

(d) It charged itself with the duty of urging on the public and on the Government the right of the Soldier to civil employment after good service with the Colours, and of bringing to the notice of Parliament the duty of the State in its several departments with regard to this matter.

With the approval and support of the Secretary of State for War and Lords Lieutenant of Counties, branches were established at the chief commercial and industrial centres throughout the United Kingdom, with agencies at smaller places. Some of them are still doing good work, and a few new ones have been formed.

Each Branch should be self-supporting and conducted upon lines in harmony with those adopted at the Head Office in London.

During 1922, with the approval of the Admiralty and Air Ministry, the Association's operations were extended to include Sailors and Airmen, and three new Branches were opened—*viz.*, Chatham, Portsmouth and Devonport.

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(2) The Association is distinct from all other bodies and organisations that have more or less similar objects, in the fact that it only registers the names of men of the Regular Forces who must have had at least three years' service and whose service characters and records are at least "Good." The exceptional position in which it has been placed by the Admiralty, War Office and Air Ministry enables it to verify each man's record, and to recommend to employers only those men who can be guaranteed as far as service antecedents, character and subsequent references are concerned. This constitutes a valuable safeguard to employers, and is very largely responsible for the success which has attended the Association's efforts to obtain employment. The reputation for efficiency and character of the men registered on its books leads to a repetition of applications for men from those employers who make use of the Association.

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(3) For very many years there has been an agreement that 50 % of all Post Office vacancies should be reserved for long service and professional sailors and soldiers. Nomination for these vacancies is made from the books of the Association according to seniority on the lists kept for the purpose ; preferential treatment, however, being given in the first instant to those men who were Boy Messengers in the Post Office before enlistment, and in the second instance to those disabled men who are in receipt of a disability pension of not less than 30 %. There are certain special qualifications for Post Office registration which the Postmaster-General insists shall be strictly observed. Owing to the varying conditions of service in the three Services, these qualifications differ according to whether the applicant is in the Navy, Army or Air Force. As far as Soldiers are concerned, the principle qualifications are :—

(1) Age Limits.

(a) *Men who served during the war.*
Non-Pensioners .. .. .. 18 to 40 years.
Service and disability pensioners .. .. .. 18 to 45 years.

(b) *Men who have not served during the late war.*
18 to 30 years, with an extension to 35 in the case of 12 years' men and to 45 in the case of pensioners.

(c) Time-expired men will be considered by the Civil Service Commissioners to be eligible, provided they were not above 30 years of age when they enlisted, and if their cases are submitted to the Civil Service Commissioners within 2 years of date of discharge from the Service.

(2) A candidate must be at least 5 ft. 4 in. in height.

(3) The following cases are not eligible for Post Office employment :—

(a) Men who have less than 3 years with the Forces, "except any ex-member of His Majesty's Forces who is, *or has been*, in possession of a disability pension or who has received a gratuity for disability or aggravation of a complaint which precludes him wholly or in part from following his normal occupation."

(b) Soldiers who have been awarded less than "Good" for character on discharge or transfer to the Reserve.

(c) Soldiers who have one case of drunkenness recorded against them during their last 6 years of Colour Service.

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(4) Men who have, before enlistment, served in the Post Office and given satisfaction as Boy Messengers and who have not purchased their discharge should, in addition to registering their names with the National Association, apply to the Secretary, General Post Office, London or Edinburgh, according to whether they desire employment in England or Scotland. They are considered for preferential treatment. Discrimination between Sailors, Soldiers and Airmen is to be carefully avoided, and each man takes his turn for nomination according to his place on the register, irrespective entirely of the Service he belongs to.

Men who desire to get into the Post Office Service on leaving the Army are urged to reside in the neighbourhood where they hope to obtain a Post Office situation. Men living on the spot, who are known locally, and whose names are registered with the local Branch or Agent of the National Association, stand a better chance of their nominations being accepted by the Post Office authorities, than those nominated who reside away from the neighbourhood.

Men who desire to register their names with the Association for Post Office employment may do so through their Commanding Officer during the last 12 months of service, the application on A.F.B. 2516 being sent to the Branch or Agency where employment is desired. After discharge, the applicant should lose no time in reporting himself with his papers to the address of the Association where his name has been registered, for two purposes :—(1) to see how he stands as regards prospects of Post Office nomination, and (2) to register his name for general employment, which he is strongly advised to seek while waiting for his turn for nomination to a Post Office vacancy.

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(4) The Association takes no fees from either employers or men, relying for its income on :—

(1) Grants from the Admiralty, War Office and Air Ministry.

(2) Subscriptions and donations from the public, and

(3) Service subscriptions and donations.

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(5) On taking his discharge or transfer to Reserve, application on A.F.B. 2516 for registration on behalf of each man with a good record should be made by Commanding Officers to the Branch or Agency nearest the applicant's intended place of residence : but in order to render his registration effective, the man should report in person, accompanied by his discharge papers, or, if this is not possible, in writing. The number of applicants is large and the number of jobs offered is comparatively small, and any man who rests content with merely having his name sent to the National Association by his Commanding Officer, without following it up either in person or in writing, is not likely to succeed as a competitor for employment against those who show that they possess energy and keenness by keeping in as close touch as possible with their place of registration. Those on the spot invariably get the first look in, all the world over, and God helps those who help themselves. So does the National Association.

(6) The success of the Association's work depends almost entirely on the good will which it may acquire from the employing public. The work of getting on the right side, so to speak, of employers, required tact and diplomacy as well as the ability to meet their requirements. It has taken very many years of hard work to build up the present good will which the Association enjoys and the reputation it possesses for having men on its books of the highest reliability and capacity. It is therefore obvious that much harm can be done, not only to the Association in general, but also to his comrades, by any man who, having accepted a post offered him, fails to give satisfaction in it, or lets his employer down by failing to keep his side of the contract, perhaps by leaving his post without giving proper notice. Before applying for any particular situation, he has his opportunity to make full enquiries concerning it, in exactly the same way as the employer has his opportunity to make full enquiries concerning him. There are, naturally, instances where a man fails through no fault of his own, and the Association will always take circumstances into account, and does its best to hold the even balance of fair play between him and the employer. A fair day's work given by the man is entitled to a fair day's wage given by the employer. It is, in fact, a case where failure to deliver the goods will cause the employer to go elsewhere for his men, at the same time creating a prejudice to him against the employment of men of the Regular Forces.

It is very much to the personal interest of men actually serving in the Army to support the National Association in every way possible for the following reasons :—

(1) After discharge, men soon find that employment in civil life is a necessity if any reasonable degree of comfort and independence is desired. The National Association is the only institution which concerns itself entirely in obtaining employment for men of the Regular Forces. All other existing institutions include charitable grants of money and clothing in their operations, and do not, to the same extent, make a speciality of employment work.

(2) The work of the National Association is very necessary because, on leaving the Service, Sailors, Soldiers and Airmen of long service, who are what may be termed " ex-Professional Service men," are at a considerable disadvantage in obtaining employment in civil life. They are in competition with men who have been in more or less close touch with trade conditions and industrial opportunities all their lives, who generally have behind them the support of Trade Unions, and whose experience has been of benefit to them in obtaining civilian employment. Many ex-Professional Service men have spent a large part of their lives abroad, often finding themselves stranded in England on discharge, having lost touch with former friends and relatives. They are strangers to civilian life and its conditions.

There are many men who number among their friends officials in firms and similar bodies. Foremen, for example, are officials who have a great deal to say in the selection of any men who may be required, and much help can be given to the object of the Association by bringing its existence and utility to their notice whenever an opportunity presents itself, such as frequently happens to men when on leave.

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EXTRACTS from *The London Gazette*:—

REGULAR BATTALIONS.

Lieut. F. H. Butterfield to be Adjutant, *vice* W. N. C. Crawhall (dated 12th June).

TERRITORIAL BATTALIONS.

5th Bn.—T. N. Douthwaite to be 2nd-Lieutenant (dated 1st April); J. C. Stephenson to be 2nd-Lieutenant (dated 1st April).

Major B. Peatfield, M.C., late 15th Lond. Regt., to be Major (dated 15th April).

The following 2nd-Lieutenants to be Lieutenants:—A. C. Spencer (dated 4th May); E. C. Vardy (dated 13th May).

2nd-Lieut. D. E. Rowe (2nd-Lieut. Res. of Off.) to have precedence as from 24th April, 1925.

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Regimental Notes.

1ST BATTALION NOTES.

BALLYKINLAR,

June, 1927.

Mr. Crawhall, having duly completed his tour of duty, relinquished his appointment on 12th June and retired to the Depôt. Mr. Butterfield has taken over the duties of Adjutant.

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"X" and "Y" Companies are still in the throes of musketry. The fine weather of the beginning of the month having given way to roaring gales and torrential downpours, classification is impossible. Apart from an occasional hasty volley in between storms, matters are rather at a standstill.

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"W" and "Z" Companies set out on 30th May for their Company marches. They kept together till they reached Dundrum. "W" Company then turned off through Maghera towards Hilltown. "Z" Company continued on through Newcastle and round the coast. Turning inland, they spent the first night at Dunnywater Bridge, a distance of 18 miles from Ballykinlar. The next morning they left civilisation behind them and journeyed through the mountains of Mourne. At about 11 a.m., they met "W" Company, who had occupied the pass between two high hills. Some furious scrambling on the rocky mountain sides terminated in lunch. The Companies then passed through and occupied one another's camps. They returned next day to Ballykinlar, having marched fifty miles in delightful weather, through the most beautiful country.

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The G.-O.-C. Northern Ireland District attended Church Parade on Sunday, 26th June, to present the Long Service and Good Conduct Medals to R.Q.M.S. Capstaffe, C.S.M. Ratcliffe, Sjt. Walsh, M.M., and Sjt. Murphy.

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The following is extracted from the pages of a local newspaper :—

> "Playing at Newcastle, Co. Down, the other day, in a two-ball foursome, Col. Herbert and Capt. Newstead, of the Fifth Fusiliers, holed out at the fifteenth hole (bogey 5) in two."

We really feel we must congratulate Capt. Newstead on his magnificent putt !

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The N.I.D. Rifle Meeting is being held early next month at Ballykinlar. All arrangements are in the hands of Mr. Kilgour, who is the present Weapon Training Officer.

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TUG-OF-WAR.

Both our Light and Catch-Weight teams, after their recent success in the Command Competition, went to Olympia to compete in the Royal Tournament. The Light team was defeated by the Royal Warwickshire Regiment, after having matters much their own way in the first pull, and only failing by inches to snatch victory in the second.

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The Heavy-Weights easily accounted for the Grenadier Guards in the first round, both pulls being well under the minute. In the semi-final they met their old opponents, the Seaforth Highlanders, and again had to acknowledge defeat after a ding-dong struggle in the final pull, both sides having one pull to their credit.

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The teams have been consistently unlucky in the spin of the coin : for the choice of ends at Olympia, though one should not say it, makes a deal of difference. Perhaps only competitors fully realise this.

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The form shown by both teams was vastly superior to that of 1926 ; and coming as we do from one of the smallest Commands in the British Army, where competition is comparatively small, we may be said to have put up quite a good show.

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The style of both teams was the subject of much favourable comment. With another year's experience behind them, coupled with the enthusiastic coaching of Capt. Pemberton, they may look forward to a more successful visit to Olympia in 1928.

CRICKET.

FIFTH FUSILIERS *v.* N.I. SIGNAL COMPANY.

Played at Ballykinlar, 11th June.

This was the first match of the N.I.D. Cricket Competition. Mr. Macmullen won the toss, and the FIFTH made a disastrous start on a distinctly fiery wicket, Cpl. Purcell being bowled by a fast, full toss which swung in to him. Eight runs later, with the total at 11, Capt. Buckley missed a long hop which bowled him all over his wicket. At 15, Lce.-Cpl. Fairhurst was beaten and bowled by a beautiful ball. Capt. Powell stayed for some time, but was never comfortable, and was eventually bowled by a ball which kept very low. Four wickets were thus down for 32, when Mr. Kilgour joined Mr. Macmullen. These two added 38 runs before Mr. Kilgour was also bowled by a ball which appeared to keep straight along the ground.

Mr. Macmullen left at 75, having made 49 runs in rather less than an hour. He scored with great freedom all round the wicket and hit five 4's.

Nine wickets were down for 107, but Mr. Butterfield and Fus. Johnson added 23 for the last wicket, the innings closing for 130.

The Signal Company opened most dramatically, Sgnlr. Gandy being well caught in the slips from Cpl. Purcell's first ball. Sgnlr. Ward was clean bowled by the same bowler with the total at 5. Sgnlr. Williams and Lce.-Cpl. Fisher took the score to 32, but half the side was out for 54 and with tail quite unable to cope with Cpl. Purcell the total only reached 70.

Cpl. Purcell bowled very well indeed, making the ball swing in and break back sufficiently to beat the bat.

The FIFTH opened their second innings 60 runs ahead. Capt. Buckley pulled his first ball to the square-leg boundary, lifted his second over mid-off for 4, and skied his third for Sgnlr. Williams to bring off a good catch from his own bowling. Mr. Macmullen and Cpl. Purcell made 64 runs very quickly for the second wicket. With the remaining batsmen hitting hard and leaving quickly, the innings was declared closed at 103 for 5.

Mr. Macmullen was again in very good form and collected 56, hitting nine 4's.

Left with 164 to get for victory, the Signals never appeared likely to succeed, and lost nine wickets for 93 before stumps were drawn. The FIFTH therefore won on the first innings.

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FIFTH FUSILIERS.

1st innings.		2nd innings.	
Capt. Buckley, b Williams	4	c and b Williams	8
Cpl. Purcell, b Williams	0	c Eickoff, b Parker	19
Lieut. Macmullen, c and b Parker	49	b Williams	56
Lce.-Cpl. Fairhurst, b Parker	2	b Williams	6
Capt. Powell, b Parker	2	not out	4
Lieut. Kilgour, b Williams	17	c Ward, b Parker	2
Sjt. Finnamore, c Roberts, b Gandy	13	did not bat	
2nd-Lieut. Laing, run out	9	not out	6
Lieut. Butterfield, b Williams	18	did not bat	
Cpl. Obey, c Ward, b Gandy	0		
Fus. Johnson, not out	12		
Extras	4	Extras	2
Total	130	Total (for 5 wkts.. dec.)	103

BOWLING.

1st Innings.—Williams, 4 for 19; Parker, 3 for 43; Hansford, 0 for 18; Gillings, 0 for 37; Gandey, 2 for 12.

2nd Innings.—Williams, 3 for 51; Parker, 2 for 19; Gandey, 0 for 30; Hansford, 0 for 2.

N.I. SIGNAL COMPANY.

1st innings.		2nd innings.	
Sgnlr. Gandey, c Obey, b Purcell	0	b Laing	4
Ward, b Purcell	0	c Powell, b Obey	1
Williams, b Purcell	18	c Purcell, b Laing	14
Lce.-Cpl. Fisher, lbw, b Purcell	22	b Johnson	32
Parker, b Obey	5	st Butterfield, b Obey	11
Sgnlr. Young, st Butterfield, b Purcell	0	c and b Kilgour	7
Gillings, b Kilgour	10	b Kilgour	7
Hansford, b Purcell	4	not out	5
Lce.-Cpl. Wicks, c and b Kilgour	3	not out	4
Sgnlr. Eickoff, b Purcell	0	c Obey, b Laing	6
Lce.-Cpl. Roberts, not out	0	c Finnamore, b Laing	3
Extras	8	Extras	3
Total	70	Total (for 9 wkts.)	97

BOWLING.

1st Innings.—Purcell, 7 for 29; Obey, 1 for 30; Kilgour, 2 for 3.

2nd Innings.—Purcell, 0 for 2; Obey, 2 for 29; Laing, 4 for 17; Kilgour, 2 for 14; Johnson, 1 for 32.

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FIFTH FUSILIERS *v.* NORTH DOWN C.C.

Played at Comber, 15th June.

The FIFTH won the toss, and Mr. Laing and Cpl. Purcell opened the innings on a perfect wicket. With 21 on the board Mr. Laing was well stumped. Mr. Macmullen then joined Cpl. Purcell, and for a time the bowling was made to look very plain. At 67, however, Cpl. Purcell was bowled by a ball he made no attempt to play. Mr. Kilgour had no luck, and was clean bowled at 73. With Mr. Macmullen out at 93, and Lce.-Cpl. Fairhurst and Mr. Butterfield both failing, six wickets were down for 103, and matters looked serious. Capt. Buckley, however, was serving the ball well and hitting it very hard, so that 48 runs were added for the seventh wicket. Capt. Buckley was batting for twenty-five minutes for his 62 runs, and hit twelve 4's, nearly all in front of the wicket. Another partial collapse followed, but an excellent stand between Sjt. Finnamore and Lce.-Cpl. Pyle added 46 runs for the last wicket, the total reaching 197. Sjt. Finnamore, who carried his bat, played a very useful innings, which was only marred by the unfortunate running out of Cpl. Obey.

The FIFTH having scored their runs in one hour and thirty-five minutes, North Down were left with nearly three hours to bat. Harris and Andrews started very carefully, and without taking any risks scored steadily. The fielding was good, but Harris was missed twice early in his innings. The professional reached 50, scored out of 80, in an hour and a quarter, but at 91 he was run out. Andrews left at the same total, bowled by a really fine ball from Pyle. North Down still made no attempt to hurry the run getting, and with five wickets down for 148 they were well behind the clock. Purcell was bowling magnificently, and with the other bowlers keeping an excellent length, and the fielding keen, victory seemed possible. The sixth wicket fell at 159; the seventh and eighth at 170. However, Curry and Brown succeeded in playing out time, and the match ended in a very even draw.

FIFTH FUSILIERS.

2nd-Lieut. Laing, st Dearden, b McDonald	7
Cpl. Purcell, b McDonald	34
Lieut. Macmullen, c Harris, b McDonald	33
Lieut. Kilgour, b McDonald	0
Capt. Buckley, c Dearden, b McDonald	62
Lce.-Cpl. Fairhurst, b McDonald	7
Lieut. Butterfield, b Harris	1
Sjt. Finnamore, not out	29
Cpl. Obey, run out	0
Fus. Johnson, c Dearden, b Hill	0
Lce.-Cpl. Pyle, c Dearden, b Hill	23
Extras	3
Total	197

BOWLING.

McDonald, 6 for 75; Brown, 0 for 9; Harris, 1 for 71; Hill, 2 for 30.

NORTH DOWN.

Harris, run out	56
Andrews, b Pyle	29
McDonald, b Purcell	16
Dearden, b Purcell	20
Hill, c and b Kilgour	9
McMillan, b Purcell	18
Cavanan, c Butterfield, b Purcell	8
Curry, not out	4
Dodd, b Purcell	0
Browne, not out	9
Dodd, did not bat	
Extras	14
Total (for 8 wickets)	183

BOWLING.

Purcell, 5 for 36; Obey, 0 for 62; Laing, 0 for 32; Kilgour, 1 for 28; Johnson, 0 for 6; Pyle, 1 for 9.

SERJEANTS' MESS NOTES.

Since last month's issue nothing of very great importance has occurred.

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The "Hunion King" did NOT get his patent watering can. But blessings to the Clerk of the Weather, who "hallowed the hunions to grow."

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He (the Hunion King) has got another job now passing the soldiers in the Gas Test. Oh! you ought to hear him asking the troops why their faces are such bad fits for the helmets.

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The burning question of the moment is the Lewis Gun, upon which "Lewis" has made such a very good score. The result of which is a very great argument as to who will beat him. "'Arry" swears that he is going to get at least 22,314,532 pts.

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The tennis game is improving as time passes. The Warrant Officer who had occasion to employ "one child" and "one dog" to retrieve his balls no longer needs their services.

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Our congratulations to Q.M.S. (O.R.S.) Gale and Band-Sjt. Chislett on becoming the fathers of daughters born at Ballykinlar on the 28th and 25th of May respectively.

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Also to the following W.O.'s and Serjeants on being presented with the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal :—R.Q.M.S. Capstaff, C.S.M. Ratliff, Serjts. Murphy and Walsh. These medals were presented by Major-General F. F. Ready, C.B., C.S.I., C.M.G., D.S.O., General Officer Commanding Northern Irish Command.

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During the month a Battalion Rifle Meeting was held at Ballykinlar. In the All-Comers Competition the winner and runner-up were :—Sjt. Urwin, Q.M.S. (O.R.S.) P. Gale.

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They were presented with Silver Cups on Sunday, after Church Parade.

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There was one very noticeable thing about this presentation, and that was that Q.M.S. Gale was present on Church Parade.

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No mean feat, mind you—one parade in a great number of years !

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We tender our condolences to Sjt. and Mrs. Swain.

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Again, to Sjt. Shaw on his promotion to C.Q.M.S., Lce.-Sjt. Smart to Serjeant, and Lce.-Sjt. Meadows on his appointment to this rank, we offer our congratulations.

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We have managed to carry on with our Whist Drives during the month, the results of which are as follows :—

	Ladies.	*Gents.*
1/6/27.	1, Mrs. Humphries.	1, W. O. Tuppen.
	2, Miss Cox.	2, Mr. Sutton.
8/6/27.	1, Mrs. Kirk.	1, Mr. Sutton.
	2, Mrs. Byrnes.	2, Mr. Tracy.
15/6/27.	1, Mrs. Windram (played as Gent.).	
	1, Mrs. Dennis.	
22/6/27.	1, Miss Cox.	
	2, Mrs. Ludford.	
	1, Mrs. Rowsell (played as Gent.).	
	2, Mrs. Chislett (played as Gent.).	

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A hearty welcome to Sjt. Reaney, M.M., who has joined us from the W.A.F.F. May his stay with the Battalion be a long and happy one !

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Sjt. Reardon has left us to go to civil life. Good luck !

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Oh ! this was nearly forgotten. The Malay State and Fiji question. One of our members applied to go to the Malay States Forces, had a free trip to London, came back looking fit and happy. But what has happened ? He has just entered his name again for the Fiji Islands. What does he want ? Some men are never satisfied.

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Everybody seems to be full of beans just now. Everybody wants to be someone else, or doing something else.

There is one VERY energetic N.C.O., not content with New Year and Birthday resolutions, has made a new set.

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Methinks " Accellerated Promotion " has somewhat to do with it. Anyhow he has set himself to study the following subjects :—Drill, Musketry, Lewis Gun, French, German, Secretaryship, Maths., English, Special Certificate of Education. Let us hope there will be no ice famine.

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These two tales were heard on the range :—

OFFICER I/C. FIRING POINT : " Tell them to put up No. 3 target a little higher."

OFFICER I/C. BUTTS : " Cannot get it any higher. Tell firer to raise his sights."

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C.S.M. : " Who carried that Lewis Gun back ? "

BANDSMAN : " I did, Sir."

C.S.M. : " Well take the weight off the return spring : it will be less to carry home."

CORPORALS' CLUB NOTES.

Sports have now given way to shooting, and June finds us all " up to the neck " with bulls, outers, and " generals." The first mentioned give us thoughts of tailors' bills, the second forebodings, and the third visions of " Rodeo."

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We congratulate Cpls. Graham, Taylor, Gray and Maddix on their promotion to that rank, and extend a hearty welcome to Lce.-Cpls. Harrison, Sharpe, J. Morton, E. Morton, Allen, Humphreys, Balding, Langley, McLean and Nicholson, on their appointment.

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" Paychie " is becoming more senior everyday, and was recently known to exercise his authority in the fold.

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We cannot allow our seniors to blow their trumpets too loudly about set-backs to the Education Authorities. We have not yet congratulated Lce.-Cpl. Fairhurst on his gaining a Special Certificate and Cpl. Graham on gaining a First Class Certificate, so take this opportunity of doing so.

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Larger quarters have been acquired for the Fold—to wit, an extension of thirty square feet which have been deducted from the gymnasium.

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A late, but nevertheless vigorous Spring cleaning has commenced, and our " morganic " friend has a hard job to find a seat wherein he can solve the latest " Blackwood Fourpenny."

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A new foot grating has been purchased for the doorstep, with an extra large padlock and chain to ensure its position.

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Echoes of " a carpet."

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Perhaps these precautions are necessary, though the writer has not yet seen a member scrape his feet vigorously enough to dislodge the position of the grating.

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However, Nobby is back from Hythe, and though he assures

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us he still takes a six-and-half in hats, he has been very quiet about his feet.

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The other day, I was stung to the extent of 2s. 6d. by our prize "pied piper." He promised me a ride to an excellent but as yet unknown village. We arrived at this beautiful place, and behold! there were hundreds of sprightly colleens, and not a vestige of "khaki"!

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I must apologise for not naming this wonderful spot, but "Ben" will sure be investigating, and, as our fellow-"citizens" say, "It's all right, but ——"

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Our Downpatrick correspondent sends us the following information: "The whole town turned out to welcome that millionaire magnate 'Carnegie.' The magnate paraded the streets displaying his wonderful 'grey suit' and beautiful corded albert. (Nobody asked him the time, thank goodness!) Imagine their dismay when they learned his profession." A member of the Fold with an initial (F.).

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Our month's ode:—

AN ODE.

The cries and the moans of this Q.M.S.
My score on the target gets less and still less,
So I now will retire—in mufti—unshaven,
And go to reside in a place called Peace-Haven.

No more cries of "Quarter"—no more Extra pay;
In all indents for clothing, for RED please insert "Grey";
For I'm going to Peace-Haven, where there is no work to do,
I'm going to take it easy—To H—— with the canvas shoe!

I will no more be worried with Mess bills, guns or pay;
I'll go to bed just when I like and sing a roundelay.
All such things as "Forms" and "Chits" I'll wash right from my mind,
And off to the "Haven" I will go where everyone is kind.

A FISHYNGE STORIE.

CHAPTER II.

Now it came to pass that, as he wended his way, a goodlie thought did enter his head. Ha! ha! these varlets do cast aspersions upon my prowess as a man of valoure and a sportsmane. I wilt verily shew them and in order to so do I shall not onlie Fish, but hunt for any other wilde animals.

So with these thoughtes in his head he made his way to a part of the countrie known as "Rainge."

He crept through the longe grass and stalked all over the place, and at long last did espye a lot of Duck.

Now these ducks were verily undergrown and weedie-lookynge, but, thoughte he, it matters not.

And after much wriggling on his bellie and many other contortions, this valiant youth, Craw, did trep these fiercesome animals and beganne to wend his way back to his home, for, thought he, this surelie is eno' to vindicate mine honour.

But, alas and alack! a terrible calamitie arose and did cause Craw to think muchly. His beautiful catche was dying (Odds bodikins! but theye were onlie young), and his heart began to beat fearsomelie.

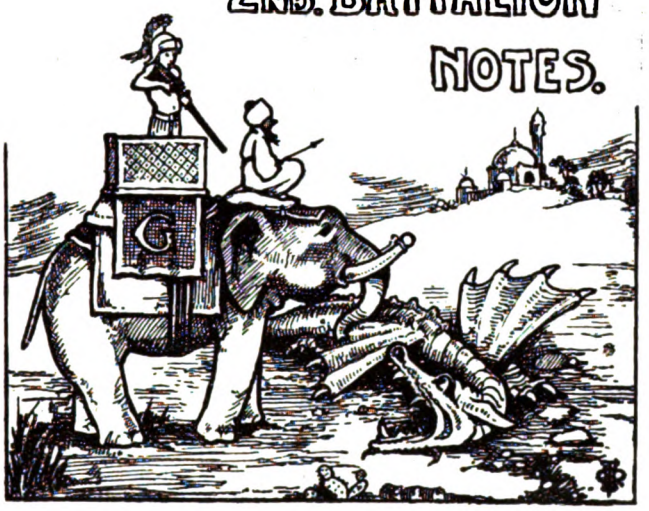
Thought he: "What shall I do now? I must e'en think awhile, or these knaves will have the laughe at me."

At last a thought strucke him, and he crept carefullie to the house known as "Ye Olde Messe," and into the room at the rear which was the house of cookynge.

Here did he discover some vessels used for the holdynge of water, and he placed therein the duck.

(*To be continued.*)

2ND. BATTALION NOTES.



CHERAT,

May, 1927.

"Quo fata vocant," or "History repeats itself."

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In the 1st Battalion Notes in the *St. George's Gazette* dated 1st July, 1908, we read of the march of "B," "C," "D" and "H" Companies and the Band and Drums to Cherat. Here are a few extracts of their impressions:—"In spite of the report about Cherat which we heard from those 'who had been there,' it is a very good place for an Indian Hill Station. Polo is played three days a week. Several oorial having been seen in the hills near here, many of the Officers determine to go and slay them. . . . But when these worthy shikaries return day after day without as much as having seen an oorial, the news brought in other provisions."

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Accounts are given of football and hockey matches, and there is a photograph of the final of the heavyweight boxing competition in the very same gymnasium in which our Battalion bouts are now held. The ring is formed by a single rope stretched in a square, and the audience is exceedingly small compared to our present-day gatherings. In August and September we read of mounted gymkhanas, cricket leagues, performances of St. George's Minstrels, and other events. We must endeavour to show that we have the art of enjoying ourselves every bit as much as the 1st Battalion evidently did in those days; but wait, here is an extract more interesting than anything, and with such a friendly tone about it that we cannot leave it out:—"The 2nd Battalion Crest is looking very well and as young as ever. Its beauties were marred when we first came up, by a bush which was trying to eclipse it, but which has been removed by a determined attack by

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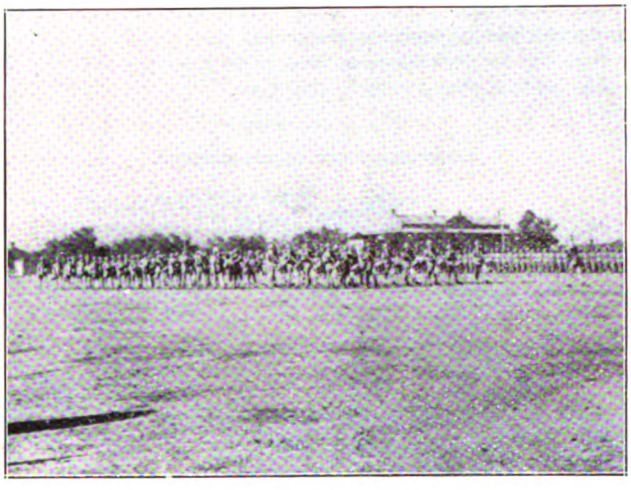
Pioneer-Serjt. Bracey and his myrmidons. I hope to send a photo of it for the next number." We can return the compliment by assuring the 1st Battalion that their Crest of 1908, though weather-worn, still occupies a prominent place on the cliff side. Plans are afoot to renovate both the 1st Battalion Crests of 1908 and the 2nd Battalion Crest with the date 1870–1, 1878, 1891–2.



TROOPING THE COLOURS, ST. GEORGE'S DAY, 1927.
THE BAND AND DRUMS.

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The 2nd Battalion correspondent of 1891–2 was very reticent on the subject of Cherat, or perhaps he never saw it, for though we read of thrilling events happening in Peshawar and Nowshera, such as the capture of Pathan rifle thieves, Cherat is barely mentioned, though three Companies were stationed here during the hot weather.

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To give an account of our move, "A" Company, as escort to the Battalion Transport, left Nowshera at midnight on the night of 30th April. Their route was by the high road, and we did not see them again until we reached Jalluzai, and we did not envy them their lot. A convoy of some 250 carts is not easily controlled for 22 miles, especially with bullock cart drivers. It is on such occasions that the label "Tactful with Indians" is so justly earned—tact is an elastic term. The main column, composed of "B" Company and H.Q. Wing, marched from Nowshera on 1st May. The first five miles lay over a waste area of nullahs, and a halt of some five hours was made at Pir Pai, where, in spite of the fact that some of the Indian cooks were mislaid, dinners were served. The march was resumed at 4.30 p.m., and Jalluzai was reached at nightfall. The perimeter camp lies about two miles beyond the village and, as usual, these two miles seemed the longest of the march. "A" Company and the Transport were already there, and as Major Foster had allotted areas settling in was comparatively easy, in spite of the darkness, though the machine gun mules enjoyed a somewhat unappreciated intimacy with each other, and with the Sepoys of the Indian Platoon.

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At about 10 p.m. a brisk thunderstorm started. As neither Officers nor men had tents, everyone did not pass a dry night. Of the Officers, however, some of those who had not already retired were not slow in applying the lessons taught in Training for War. Capt. Plummer, with commendable aplomb and an enviable disregard for expense, spent the night in the Mess Car, whose waiting charge is 10 annas an hour. Mr. Humphreys, they say, was seen emerging from the interior of the ice chest after the downpour had ceased. Mr. Martin and Mr. Grimley were discovered hours after the storm was over discussing philosophy as applied to soldiering, over a stoup of ale under the mess table, with a hurricane lamp to lend warmth and homeliness to the gathering.

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And if anyone knew of a better 'ole ——.

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The next day's march, 2,500 feet in 15 Irish miles, was almost a hardship to the draft, fresh from the mild zephyrs and gentle slopes of England and the bogs of Ireland; but they stuck it well, and only those who were stretcher cases fell out.

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The heat was prodigious. However, we arrived hot and cheerful, and have now settled down.

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The chief attraction of Cherat is the view. On one side, in the direction of Kohat, a massif (surely that's the right word) of mountains, Afrida territory, meets the eye, but on all other sides the view is unparalleled. To the North, the Peshawar Vale, bounded by the Safed Koh; to the North-West the same valley of the Kabul, with the Hindu Kush in the far distance; North-Eastwards and Eastwards the Indus Valley, and, a blue haze in the distance, the Salt Range. The Indus, at its nearest point some 15 miles away, looks like a Scottish burn, and a golfer driving off from the Officers' Mess would almost hesitate to use a wooden club for fear of driving into it.

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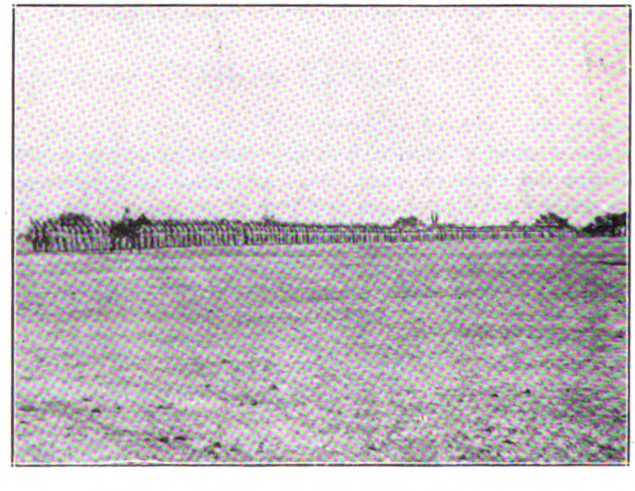
"So far the poet." At least it is near the end of May, and still sometimes cold up here. The knife-edge ridge on which we live has for the last week been swept by wind and rain,



TROOPING THE COLOURS, ST. GEORGE'S DAY, 1927.
BATTALION IN LINE.

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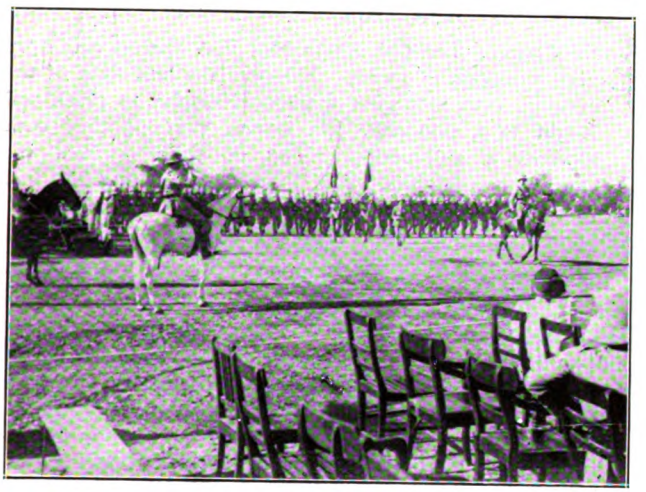
The chief event in April was, of course, St. George's Day. The parade was commanded by Major Baxter, and Lieut.



TROOPING THE COLOURS, ST. GEORGE'S DAY, 1927.
THE MARCH PAST.

Surtees and 2nd-Lieut. Bradford carried the Colours, and Boy Brooks carried the Drummers' Colour for the second year in succession.

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Colonel Kershaw came over from Peshawar with Major-General Cassells and took the salute in the march past. General Cassells took the salute in the final advance in review order.

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A large number of spectators witnessed the Trooping of the Colours, after which some 200 guests came to the Officers' Mess for breakfast, including about 90 Indian Officers from neighbouring Indian Regiments. Many came from stations a considerable distance away, such as Mardan, Landi Kotal and Peshawar.

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In the evening the Serjeants held their annual St. George's Ball, quite the most successful for some years. An excellent dancing floor was laid on the tennis court, and after the arid waste of the parade ground one came suddenly as if by magic into a sort of fairy *palais de danse*. An excellent supper was provided, and the dance was a tremendous success in every way.

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The Corporals had previously held a most successful dance on the 19th.

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Immediately after St. George's Day packing up commenced for the moves, and "C" Company, under Major Critchley Salmonson, with all Battalion stores not required in the hills, moved into Chitral Barracks, Nowshera, on the 30th. "D" Company, under Major Baxter, left for Khanspur *via* Murree on the 7th May, but we have not yet heard of their arrival.

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On the 9th May anyone who happened to be gazing over the plains towards the Punjab at about lunch time must have seen an aeroplane swoop down into the rocky valley beneath and, after a skilful turn, land on a cliff face some 3,000 ft. below us.

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The pilot who performed this astonishing feat was Wing-Commander Walsen, R.A.F., who was on his way back to Peshawar from Lahore. His petrol suddenly gave out, and he made an effort to clear the ridge of Cherat, with a view to gliding down to the plains of Pubbi. He found this impossible and was forced to dive down into the valley. When rushing along a nullah at 70 miles an hour he made a half loop and with extraordinary skill landed on the precipitous face of the nullah, badly smashing the undercarriage, but without damage to himself. His mechanic, who had unstrapped himself, was thrown a considerable distance but miraculously escaped with minor injuries. After a five mile walk up the mountain side, Wing-Commander Walsen accepted a small lime juice and soda in the Officers' Mess. Far from being unnerved by his adventure he seemed glad of the experience, his view being that now he feels confident that he can make a landing anywhere. The next day, Mr. Ward, of the Royal Air Force, came up to conduct salvaging operations. He spent two days and nights in the valley, and communication was maintained between him and Cherat by our Signallers with helios and thence to Peshawar by telephone.

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To return to Nowshera, "A" Company were defeated by H.Q. Squadron 5th/6th Dragoons in the final of the Scissors Cup last month.

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The Weapon Training results for 1926–27 are given below, also an account of the Hart Medals Boxing Tournament.

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As a closing remark, it is interesting to note that 27 years ago the 3rd Battalion sent a party, under Major J. F. Riddell, as part of the escort which accompanied the Duke of York to

TROOPING THE COLOURS, ST. GEORGE'S DAY, 1927.
THE DRUMMERS' COLOUR.

Australia, on the occasion of his opening the new Australian Commonwealth.

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WEAPON TRAINING.

The following are the results of the Best Shooting Company in 1926–27, including Rifle, Lewis Gun and Vickers Gun, but excluding Revolvers :—

	Figure of percentage.	No. exercised (All weapons).	3rd Class Shots remaining at end of year.
"D" Coy.	171.52*	151	15
"B" ,, ...	120	167	24
"C" ,, ...	98.11	162	32
"A" ,, ...	73.6	164	43
H.Q. Wing	67.57	176	41

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The position of H.Q. Wing is due to the very poor result obtained by the Vickers Gun. The actual results by Companies as regards the different weapons were :—

	Rifle.		Lewis Gun.	
	Order of Merit.	Figure of Merit.	Order of Merit.	Figure of Merit.
"A" Coy.	5	66.3	4	101.4
"B" ,, ...	3	70.1	2	107.7
"C" ,, ...	4	69.24	3	101.8
"D" ,, ...	1	73.21	1	126.38
H.Q. Wing ..	2	71.29		

* Best Shooting Company.

FIFTH FUSILIERS' BOXING TOURNAMENT.

NOWSHERA.

20th April, 1927.

Some excellent boxing was witnessed here on Monday and Tuesday evenings, 18th and 19th April, when the 5th Fusiliers held their annual competition for the Hart Cups. The latter originated on the death of Capt. Hart, an Officer of the Regiment, who was an all-round sportsman, particularly keen on boxing. He was killed in action at Ypres in May, 1915, and in his will bequeathed a sum of money to each Battalion, the interest to be devoted to the buying of Boxing Trophies. The competition never fails to bring forth numerous entries, for it is no small ambition of every 5th Fusilier to become the recipient of a Hart Cup, the only stipulation being that if a competitor has previously won a Hart Cup he must fight in the weight above that in which he won the Cup.

Boxing commenced at 9.30 each evening, the presiding officials being :—

Referee—Capt. R. Edgeworth-Johnstone.

Judges—Lieut. and Adjt. G. C. Humphreys, Lieut. E. H. D. Grimley, Lieut. W. R. M. Clifford, and Lieut. D. H. Lyall-Grant, R.A.

Time-keepers—Lieut. R. S. Surtees and Lieut. C. J. Bradford.

M.C.—R.S.M. G. Brocklesby, D.C.M.

RESULTS.

First Night.

Light-Weights.—Fus. Hawkins beat Fus. Fawcett; Fus. Ross beat Lce.-Cpl. Robinson; Fus. Wright beat Fus. Clarke; Fus. Buttery beat Fus. Amers.

Welter-Weights.—Fus. Walden k.o. Potts in the second round; Drmr. Lench k.o. Fus. Suggett in the first round; Fus. Bloomfield k.o. Fus. Farley in the second round; Sjt. Fairley beat Fus. Havercraft; Drmr. Crispin k.o. Fus. Craggs in the second round, the latter putting up a plucky fight against a much more experienced boxer; Fus. Nicholson outpointed Fus. Wilson.

Feather-Weights.—Lce.-Cpl. Ahern beat Fus. Forrest on a very narrow margin of points. This was the best fight of the evening, both men gave a splendid display of pluck and fought to a standstill. On leaving the ring they both received a well-merited round of applause from the assembled spectators. Fus. Fraser administered the k.o. to Fus. Langley in the opening round.

Middle-Weights.—Lce.-Cpl. Leach did not waste any time in disposing of Fus. Catterick, whom he downed with a terrific right in the first 30 seconds.

Light-Weights (2nd series).—Fus. Briggs k.o. Fus. Wheller in the first round; Cpl. Jacobs beat Fus. R. Smith on points. Smith put up a good fight against the Corporal, who has a large amount of experience in the fistic game. . . . Jacobs repeatedly downed Smith, but the latter pluckily got up and stood a fearful amount of punishment throughout the three rounds.

Welter-Weights (2nd series).—Fus. N. Wright k.o. Fus. Simpson in the first round; Drmr. Leach k.o. Fus. Walden in the second round; Sjt. Fairley k.o. Fus. Bloomfield in the second round; Drmr. Crispin k.o. Fus. Nicholson in the opening round.

This concluded the first night's boxing.

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Second Night.

Middle-Weights (Semi-Finals).—Fus. Laverick k.o. Fus. Barrett in the second round. . . . During the first round both men exchanged heavy blows to the body, and the points were equally divided. In the second round Barrett made the mistake of leaving himself open and Laverick got in a smashing blow to the point which finished the contest.

Lce.-Cpl. Leach once again disposed of his man in a few seconds, and one right to the jaw was sufficient for Fus. Overend.

(Final)—Leach completed the hat trick by disposing of Fus. Laverick in 20 seconds.

Welter-Weights (Semi-Finals).—Drmr. Lench beat Sjt. Fairley on a very narrow margin of points. This was a very spirited contest, and both men opened well. In the first two rounds there was little to choose between them. . . . On coming up for the final round, Lench appeared to be more fresh than his opponent and had slightly the better of the exchanges.

Fus. Wright was exceedingly unlucky in being disqualified in the first round in his bout with Drmr. Crispin. Wright had downed the Drummer and insisted on standing over him when the Referee ordered him to "Stand back." . . . Crispin was undoubtedly a beaten man, and Wright lost the fight through being over eager.

(Final)—Drmr. Lench was awarded the fight owing to Drmr. Crispin having scratched on Medical grounds. Crispin had badly damaged his right hand the previous evening.

Light-Weights (Semi-Finals).—Fus. Wright (30) beat Fus. Hawkins on points. In the opening round Hawkins had the better of the exchanges, and got in some well-timed blows to the body. The second round found both men

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landing blows to the body, and the points were equal. In the last round Wright pressed the fight and ran out the winner of a very good contest.

Cpl. Jacobs met another game fighter in Fus. Briggs, whom he k.o. in the final round. Both men fought furiously during the first round, Jacobs getting in some hard body blows. In the second round, Briggs tried considerably and stood a deal of punishment. On meeting for the third round it was obvious that Briggs was a beaten man, but he stood up to Jacobs and the latter had to administer several hard blows before Briggs took the count.

(Final.)—The fight between Cpl. Jacobs and Fus. Wright was one of the best of the tournament. . . . Wright is a boxer possessed of plenty of stamina and pluck, and it was this, more than the power of his blows, that gained him a points verdict. . . . Throughout the three rounds Jacobs got in many to the body and face, but on each occasion Wright replied. Wright got in several well-timed rights which Jacobs could not avoid.

Feather-Weights (Semi-Finals).—Drmr. Fraser beat Lce.-Cpl. Ahern. This was a splendid fight, and had there been a Best Loser's prize Ahern would undoubtedly have been the recipient. . . . he fought a much more experienced boxer and withstood such a terrific amount of punishment that he collapsed from sheer exhaustion and loss of blood in the final round. . . . Ahern is indeed made of the right stuff, and he received a great ovation on leaving the ring.

Drmr. Antcliffe k.o. Fus. Stevenson in the first round with a smart left to the heart.

(Final)—This proved to be a good fight, for there was very little to choose between Antcliffe and Fraser, both men being clever boxers. Fraser gave a good display of ring-craft, and in doing so avoided some heavy blows which Antcliffe repeatedly tried to get in. In the third round Antcliffe carried the fight to his man and ran out the winner by a small majority of points. Both men are young, and more should be heard of them.

Boys' Contests.—The "young 'uns" showed the assembled spectators a good example, and all the fights were good. Boy Cakebread beat Boy Allen; Boy Lee beat Boy Dowell; Boy Smyth outpointed Boy Brewster; Boy Tappenden beat Boy Winter on points; Boy Hardy beat Boy Tradewell on points; Boy Brooks beat Boy Spencer on points. . . . Brooks is the smallest Boy in the Regiment, and for his age and size he gave a splendid display against a much bigger Boy.

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At the conclusion of the Tournament the Cups were presented to the winners by the Commanding Officer, Major O. B. Foster, M.C., who complimented the competitors on the excellent display they had given, and said he was pleased to see that there had been plenty of new entries from among the last arrived draft. He also made reference to the Boys' Contests, and congratulated the Boys on giving such a good performance.

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After presenting the Cups, the Commanding Officer presented Fus. Murphy with the Hart Cup awarded annually to the soldier who in the opinion of the Commanding Officer has done the most, both by his own prowess and by his sportsmanship in general, for the boxing of the Battalion.

"D" COMPANY NOTES.

KHANSPUR.

"D" Company, consisting of Major Baxter, 2 Officers and 121 Other Ranks, left Nowshera on the night of 6th May to move to Khanspur, in the Murree Hills. The party travelled by train as far as Rawal Pindi, where they arrived in the early hours of the morning and rested for the day in the Rest Camp adjoining the station. The term "Rest Camp" does not imply to the soldier the definition of comfort, considering the previous experience that we have had, but the Pindi Rest Camp, with its general cleanliness and tidiness, was an exception to the rule, and after the stones, shingle, dry river beds, and barren state of things at Nowshera, the beautiful green and neatly cut grass which confronted us, made us almost believe we had arrived in another world.

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Advantage was taken of the day's stay to visit the "Aldershot" of India. The beautiful lay-out of the Cantonment, with its two miles Mall and Ride, the grandeur of the foliage, and above all the splendid roads were greatly to be admired. The change from Nowshera was so apparent that we felt we had left the wilds for civilisation. We were fortunate in that the Pindi Race Meeting was in full swing, and the cosmopolitan effect of this Mecca was even more amazing to the wild men from the North-West. What it must be to be stationed in Pindi! was the general cry.

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We left Pindi on the 8th, travelling by motor lorry a distance of 30 miles to Sunnybank, where we off-loaded baggage again and remained for the night.

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The next morning an early start was made to load the baggage. Almost every known conveyance in this part of the country was requisitioned—camels, bullock carts, and coolies. The experience of loading camels was new to most of us, but after a few hearty laughs, a few spills, the novelty wearing off, and with the assistance of Major Baxter's experience, we mastered the element in great style, and the remaining camels were loaded with fine precision. One fervently carried one's mind back to the really excellent display of camel loading given at Nowshera before our departure. 'Twas so simple—nets to hold the kitbags; sulketaks to carry the 10 lb. kits, and so on. But these holdalls never appeared at Sunnybank, and so we were left with the primitive methods, and may it be said that the fashions of the early days were well mastered, and we arrived at Khanspur without loss. All baggage in before nightfall, and everybody bedded down and comfortable for the night.

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The march from Sunnybank to Khanspur is a particularly heavy one of over 17 miles, the first part, from Sunnybank to Khyra Gali, being 10 miles of rough and steep uphill climbing. The party, however, made the going in great style, and it is to the credit of the men of the last draft that they managed to maintain the fast pace set by the older hands, under trying conditions of steep gradient and rarified air. One actually felt snow for the first time in this country. The drifts along the Pipe Line from Khyra Gali to Khanspur were numerous, and at the various halts the boys engaged in a regular fusilade of snowballing.

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The Company marched into Khanspur in fine style, doing

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well over 120 paces to the minute, and were complimented by the Permanent Staff who were holding the fort.

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We were the first party to arrive here, but during the past seven days have been increased by 130 Other Ranks of the 5th/6th Dragoon Guards and about 50 Other Ranks of "E" Battery R.H.A. The married families in the station total 135, so when all get settled down we hope to be able to chronicle a deal of entertainment. So far we have played the 5th/6th Dragoons at football and proved victorious by 4—1. As the Dragoons' team included seven of the players of the team who won the Scissors Cup at Risalpur, we felt that the win was a meritorious one. Sjt. Young scored 2 fine goals, the others being obtained by Fusrs. Siddle and Watson. We also defeated "E" Battery R.H.A. at cricket, after a two innings game, by 30 runs.

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A start has been made with the Company Platoon Championship for the Cup presented by Col. W. Platt, D.S.O. The Football League has been won by No. 16 Platoon, and at the present moment the Platoon 2nd teams are functioning in great style. Amongst budding aspirants who have secured their places in the 2nd team are Major Baxter (*centre-forward*), 13 Platoon; 2nd-Lieut. Edwards (*left half*), 14 Platoon; 2nd-Lieut. Bradford (*full back*), 16 Platoon. The C.S.M. has been promoted from captain of the 2nd team to 1st team, No. 14 Platoon.

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A good deal of heavy work goes on in the 2nd teams, so all aspirants have our deepest sympathy.

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Ye ancient game of "quoits" has been by special request included in the Platoon Championship as part of the team events in the Company Sports.

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The huge number of spectators of all Units who gather to watch the Platoon teams of eight play off their rounds is ample testimony to its all-round attractiveness.

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Preliminary musketry is in full swing, and we hope to commence firing on what is aptly described as the "Jazz Range" before the end of the month.

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A description of the wonderful "Shooting Gallery," where one fires round trees and disappears into nullahs out of sight to appear again on the reverse flank, is beyond our capabilities and is one of the real Service conditions called for in the Fire and Movement Practice.

CORPORALS' CLUB NOTES.

We apologise for the absence of notes the last few issues of the *Gazette*. Our correspondent having obtained a post at A.H.Q. was unable to depict our joys and sorrows.

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Many old members have left us for civil life, or for the Higher Circle, and carry with them our good wishes for the future. To compensate us a little for the loss, we have gained a few new members, to whom we extend a hearty welcome.

The most notable event of late was our St. George's Dance, which was held on the 19th. We entertained our friends of the Brigade and had a very enjoyable evening. What we are trying to discover now is, "Who put 'B' in Bar. Undoubtedly it was a most successful swindle.

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At the time of writing, owing to the move to the Hills, we are divided into three groups—"D" Company at Khanspur, "C" Company braving the heat at Nowshera, whilst we of "A," "B" and H.Q. brave the horrors of Cherat.

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We have gained yet more friends—namely, the K.O.Y.L.I.; and a hearty welcome is assured on a visit to their Club, and many enjoyable hours are spent in their excellent company.

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We played the K.O.Y.L.I. at football on the 22nd. A good game was witnessed, and although 8 goals were scored in the match the result was a draw.

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Heard in the Club, third night in Cherat:—

"What! no lamps! we can afford to have flash lamps hung round the walls."

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Needless to say, the matter has been corrected, and the would-be spendthrift now basks in paraffin sunshine.

DEPÔT NOTES.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE,

24th June, 1927.

The outstanding events this month have been the Inter-Squad and Inter-Depôt Boxing Competitions, the former being held on the 14th and 15th of June, the latter on Thursday, the 23rd of June.

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INTER SQUAD COMPETITION.

Two Squads, January and May, competed, the third (June Squad) not yet being formed. The Boxing as a whole was of an excellent standard. Congratulations to January Squad on retaining the Challenge Shield, though they found many worthy opponents in May Squad, who are to be complimented on giving a very good display. The result of the Inter-Squad Competition is shown below.

SEMI-FINALS AND FINALS.

112 *to* 120 *lbs.*	*Finalist.*	*Winner.*
Fus. Wilson (Jan.) / Fus. Drury (May)	Drury	Drury.
Fus. W. Graham (May) / Fus. Younghusband (May)	Graham	

120 *to* 130 *lbs.*		
Fus. Balmbra (Jan.) / Fus. Murphy (Jan.)	Murphy	Murphy.
Fus. Rutherford (Jan.) / Fus. P. Livermore (May)	Livermore	

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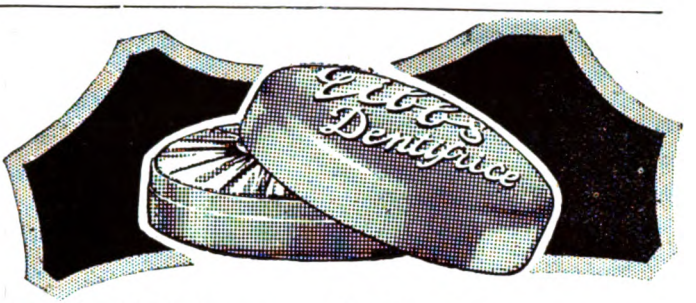

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130 *to* 140 *lbs.*

Fus. York (Jan.) / Fus. Morris (Jan.)	York	York.
Fus. Brown (Jan.) / Fus. Hawthorne (Jan.)	Hawthorne	

140 *to* 150 *lbs.*

Fus. Armstrong (Jan.) / Fus. Butler (May)	Butler	Scaife.
Fus. Davies (Jan.) / Fus. Scaife (Jan.)	Scaife	

150 *to* 160 *lbs.*

Fus. Craig (Jan.) / Fus. Stephenson (Jan.)	Craig	Craig.

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The Recruits of the unformed June Squad each fought a one-round contest of 1½ mins., a list of which is shown below. There is some very promising material among them. One Recruit had some difficulty over weighing-in, as when weighed in the gymnasium he was standing, and when weighed in hospital later was sitting down, so that, as he rightly stated, his legs could not possibly have been weighed when he was sitting as they were off the ground ! !

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The difference, we believe, was somewhere about 2½ ozs. ! !

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LAST JOINED RECRUITS.

	Winner.		*Winner.*
Fus. Alderridge / Fus. Lorraine	Lorraine.	Fus. Scorer / Fus. Gibbs	Gibbs.
Fus. Malcolm / Fus. Spence	Malcolm.	Fus. Pearson / Fus. Elliott	Pearson.
Fus. Young / Fus. Bone	Young.	Fus. Goddard / Fus. Todd	Goddard.
Fus. Murphy / Fus. Spowart	Murphy.	Fus. Bishop / Fus. Clarke	Bishop.
Fus. Charlton / Fus. Celino	Celino.		

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The Inter-Depôt Boxing between the 68th Depôt and ourselves commenced at 8.30 p.m. on Thursday, 23rd, and some very good fighting was witnessed. We retained the Challenge Shield after a hard struggle by a margin of 2 points. Our thanks are due to Mr. Younie, of the Royal Corps of Signals, who acted as referee, and to Mr. Norbury and Mr. Galloway, of the 21st Field Brigade Royal Artillery, who very kindly acted as judges. We would also like to thank the Physical Training Staff, who did a great deal of work and whose assistance was invaluable at all times. The results of the Competition are shown below. At the conclusion of the boxing, Capt. J. O. C. Hasted, D.S.O., The Durham Light Infantry, on behalf of Lt.-Col. Platt, D.S.O., who was unavoidably absent, presented the Shield to Cpl. Babington, the captain of the team.

5TH/68TH REGIMENTAL DEPÔT BOXING COMPETITION.

112 *to* 120 *lbs.*

Fus. Wolfe / Pte. Bullock	Bullock.
Fus. Wilson / Pte. Armstrong	Wilson.
Fus. Drury / Pte. Carter	Carter.
Fus. Graham / Pte. White	White.

120 *to* 130 *lbs.*

Fus. Murphy / Pte. Webb	Webb.
Fus. Birks / Lce.-Cpl. Bailes	Bailes
Fus. Dryden / Pte. McCourt	Dryden.
Fus. Rutherford / Pte. Lake	Lake.
Fus. Hood / Lce.-Cpl. Gibson	Hood.
Fus. Livermore / Pte. Parker	Parker.
Fus. Carroll / Pte. Armbruster	Carroll.
Fus. Balmbra / Pte. T. Cook	Balmbra

130 *to* 140 *lbs.*

Fus. Brown / Pte. Curtis	Brown.
Fus. Hawthorne / L/Cpl. Cook	Hawthorne.
Fus. Smart / Pte. Tulip	Smart.
Fus. York / Pte. Murray	York.

140 *to* 150 *lbs.*

Fus. Butler / Pte. Bacon	Butler.
Fus. Scaife / Pte. Kirk	Kirk.
Fus. Celino / Pte. Kennedy	Kennedy.

150 *to* 160 *lbs.*

Fus. Craig / Pte. Todd	Craig.

Total Points.

5th Fusiliers	31
68th	29

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The best loser's prize was awarded to Fus. Murphy, who put up a very hard fight. This is the second occasion on which Fus. Murphy has been awarded the best loser's trophy.

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We take this opportunity of tendering our sympathy to Colonel Platt on his recent bereavement, the death of his father, which occurred in London on 10th June. Mr. Platt will be remembered by many Officers of the 1st Battalion when he visited Peshawar in 1909.

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Capt. Waight, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Crawhall and Mr. Forbes-Watson left us on Sunday, the 19th, to attend the Annual Territorial Camp at Ripon, until 3rd July. Capt. Waight is acting as Brigade Major and Mr. Bennett as Staff Captain to the Brigade.

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We welcome Mr. Crawhall to the Depôt as Mr. Forbes-Watson's successor, the latter has however not yet deserted us and we hope to see him for a few days in July, on his return from Ripon, before he rejoins the 1st Battalion.

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We were very pleased to see Mr. Potter, Mr. Crisp and Mr,

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Mortimer, of the 6th Battalion, at the beginning of the month. They have just completed a fortnight of their month's initial course of training with us.

SERJEANTS' MESS NOTES.

24th June, 1927.

We held our Annual Outing to Seaton Carew on 11th June, 1927. Before starting, a photograph of the party was taken by Mr. Gosman (a copy of which appears on this page). A start was made at 9.15 a.m., and we arrived at Seaton Carew at noon.

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We had hardly left the barrack gates when we were pursued by the Regimental-Serjeant-Major's Bloodhound, and consequently had to stop and embark him for Seaton Carew.

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We spent a very interesting day at Seaton Carew; weather was fine, and the whole party thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

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Fish and chips appears to have been the principal diet (see photograph); even the President was commanded to order 100–150 fried fish and a proportionate amount of chips for the return journey.

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We made the Seaton Hotel our headquarters for the day, and, thanks to Mr. Alec. Jackson, the Manager (late R.S.M. of the Durham Light Infantry), our comfort was his foremost thought.

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The first event on the Sands was a Rodeo Entertainment by several W.O.'s and Serjeants, which collapsed suddenly owing to one of the entertainers (Sjt. Jackson, 68th) falling from his horse and being compelled by circumstances to hide himself very quickly. Fortunately for him, one of the married ladies carried needle and cotton in her handbag, otherwise a covered wagon would have had to be hired.

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L/Serjeant Wood, 2nd Battalion, is attached to us pending re-embarkation on the expiration of his leave, and is posing here as "King Canute." What stories he will have to tell when he gets back to the 2nd Battalion!

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Sjt. Mole and Sjt. Peppiatt have gone to the Guards Depôt for a Course of Drill, and will undoubtedly return full of notes (not Community Singing, we hope).

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Lce.-Sjt. Mears, Lce.-Sjt. Huggan, Lce.-Sjt. Gossage and Lce.-Sjt. Matthewson have gone to the Annual Camp of the 149th Infantry Brigade at Ripon.

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Our Tennis Court has been put in order, but owing to Courses, Territorial Camp, etc., is not much in use at the moment. Several young members of the Mess intend to throw out challenges in the near future which should prove very interesting.

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Congratulations to Sjt. Dyke on obtaining his First Class Certificate of Education.

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The undermentioned were granted First Class Certificates of Education, dated 16th March, 1927:—Sjt. C. Y. J. Dyke, Cpl. M. Bell.

Photo] 5TH/68TH REGIMENTAL DEPOTS SERGEANTS' MESS ANNUAL OUTING, 1927. [*E. W. Gosman*

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The undermentioned were granted Second Class Certificates of Education at an examination held at Newcastle-on-Tyne on 19th May, 1927 :—Fus. S. McCabe, Fus. W. Wrightson, Fus. W. Graham, Fus. C. W. Livermore, Fus. G. Wolfe, Fus. J. Oyston, Fus. W. Brown, Fus. E. Hood, Fus. T. Morriss, Fus. J. Raybould, Fus. E. Cornforth, Fus. A. Johnston, Fus. R. Ward.

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The undermentioned were granted Third Class Certificates of Education at an examination held at Newcastle-on-Tyne on 19th May, 1927 :—Fus. W. F. Hall, Fus. S. York, Fus. A. Davies, Fus. J. W. Dryden, Fus. J. A. Lammin, Fus. W. T. Rackstraw, Fus. W. Balmbra, Fus. A. Hawthorne, Fus. R. Stephenson, Fus. J. A. Dawson, Fus. J. Gaines, Fus. W. F. Livermore, Fus. A. Scott, Fus. A. Younghusband, Fus. G. Smart, Fus. G. P. Butler, Fus. G. Dent, Fus. J. A. Kane, Fus. F. Noddings, Fus. G. D. Scheller.

Photo] *[E. W. Gosman.*

AT SEATON CAREW, JUNE, 1927.

4TH (T.A.) BATTALION NOTES.

RIPON,

25th June, 1927.

It is greatly regretted by all Ranks that the Command of Colonel C. O. P. Gibson, M.C., of the Battalion has come to an end.

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Col. Gibson joined the Battalion as a junior Officer in August, 1914, and went overseas with it in April, 1915. He survived the 2nd Battle of Ypres, and remained with the Battalion until his Staff appointment.

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He always appeared to perform his military duties as much from a common sense point of view as from that of the book. His strong views and forceful expression of these was a constant source of enlightenment and entertainment to his brother Officers, possibly also to his soldiers.

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He had a very decided opinion of the speed in which a Company Commander should move his Company in single file up to or away from the trenches in relief work, as apparently no matter what speed the Company moved at, he always, when a junior Officer, had to run to keep up with the tail : the remedy for this is apparently not in the book, and he adopted his own methods of dealing with the situation, which being of a wordy nature we cannot repeat.

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The manner in which he welcomed, or otherwise, any members of a higher command who happened to stray into his sector of trench soon gained him prominence, and we were not surprised to learn of his Staff appointment.

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We often wonder whether his strong aversion to P.T. for troops before breakfast were known by the Army Council, as this practice has ceased to be in existence.

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We all loved him as a man, and respected him as a jolly good soldier, and wish him every happiness and good luck.

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The Battalion foregathered at Ripon for Annual Training from its various districts on Sunday, 19th June, and is to be congratulated on having the largest numbers in camp.

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On Thursday, 23rd June, we had the pleasure of welcoming Col. A. J. Foster, C.M.G., C.B.E., and Col. C. O. P. Gibson, M.C., who paid us a visit and were entertained as the guests of honour in the Officers' Mess, and later in the Serjeants' Mess, at a most enjoyable Smoking Concert, when Col. Gibson presented the Adjutant's Cup to the joint winners, " Y " and " Z " Companies.

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This is the first year the Cup, which was presented by Major K. G. Williams, O.B.E. (our late Adjutant), has been competed for. It is awarded to the Company which puts in the best all-round work before Camp, and the winners are to be congratulated, none the less because they are in the plural, on a very well but not easily won victory.

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Competition for the Champion Company Cup is also very keen, as the Medical Officer, who has been complaining that he has nothing to do, will testify.

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The weather since we have been here defies description : for the first two days it was sunny and comparatively warm, but this happy state of affairs soon ended. One day, whilst on the training areas, a strong wind sprang up, which by the time Camp was reached had attained the force of a hurricane, and the hungry warriors of " X " Company, returning home intent on a well-earned dinner, were dismayed to see their dining tent lying in a tangled heap ; several tents in the lines were also reduced to ruins.

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The Officers, though in better case than our neighbours the 6th and 7th Bns., only succeeded in saving their Mess by superhuman efforts. A use has at last been found for Mr. McLellans'

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car, which in its state of chronic immobility was found to make an excellent sheet anchor.

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To say that the last three days have been wet is to understate the case, and judging from the state of the Camp, records are being broken in the way of rainfall.

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There is a current theory that this is due to the coming eclipse: if this is so, one can but feel that an eclipse is a luxury we can well do without.

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The Brigade Cross-Country Run was held to-day, and we are sorry to say that after staying with us for three years the Cup has now gone to the 6th Bn., our own team being second. Although it did not win, there was a most excellent turn-out for the run of 56 starters, of which 13 finished in the first 40. Lieut. G. B. Smith is congratulated on his excellent performance in coming in second.

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Owing to the weather the Brigade Football Championship has not yet been started, and when it does we must hope to atone for our loss of the Cross-Country Cup.

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The writer apologises for this rambling account, but in Camp such a lot happens in a short while, and what with gales, and deluges, and one thing and another, it is difficult enough to write at all, let alone a coherent story.

5TH (T.A.) BATTALION NOTES.

WALKER-ON-TYNE,
June, 1927.

As these notes are being written there is great bustle and activity, as we go to Camp at Ripon in three days' time. All ranks are looking forward to the fortnight's training—and amusement—more especially as we did not go to Camp last year. Training Instructions, Memorandums, etc., etc., are pouring out of the Orderly Room, and the Adjutant is getting that harassed expression which denotes the probability of contact with "Brass hats" in the near future.

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We welcome Major B. Peatfield, M.C., to the fold—he takes over the duties of Second-in-Command; although he has only just been gazetted he has shown great interest in the affairs of the Battalion for the last few months.

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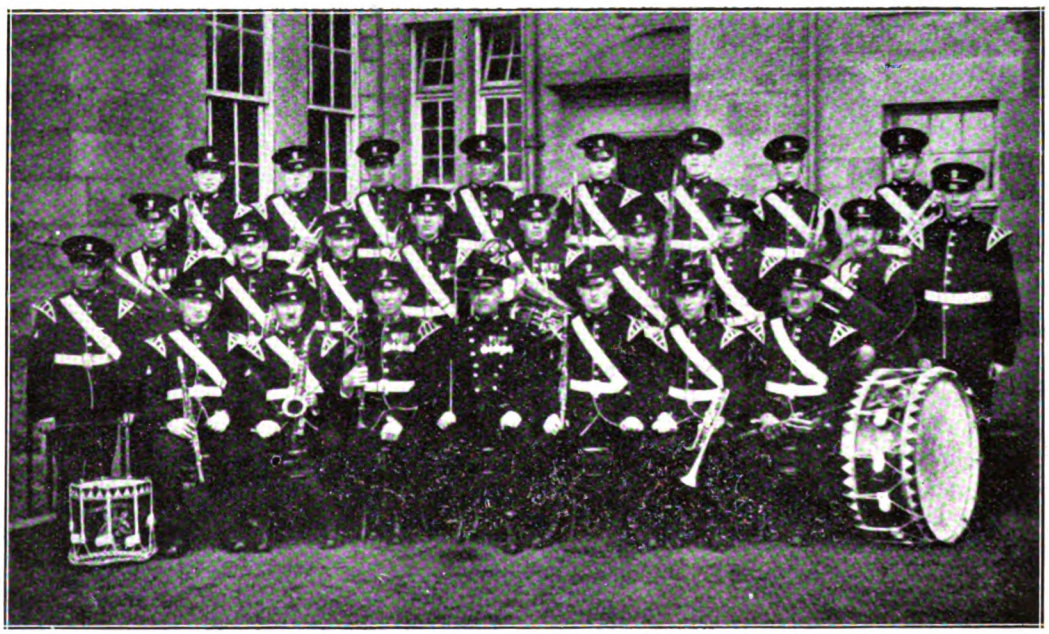
As we expected, we were not so successful at the Northumberland Territorial Rifle Meeting on the 4th, 5th and 6th June, owing to lack of practice. The following are the results:—

Name.	Competition.	Prize.
Sjt. A. Black (H.Q.)	Morpeth ..	10/-
Cpl. J. Conlon ("B" Coy.) ..	Morpeth ..	10/-
Cpl. J. Dinning ("B" Coy.) ..	County ..	40/-
Lt. R. H. Rooksby ("C" Coy.)	County ..	10/-
Sjt. J. Robson ("A" Coy.) ..	County ..	10/-
Lt. R. H. Rooksby ("C" Coy.)	Association ..	10/-
Lt. R. H. Rooksby ("C" Coy.)	Chipchase ..	10/-
Sjt. A. Black (H.Q.)	Lord Lieutenants	10/-
Lt. R. H. Rooksby ("C" Coy.)	Aggregate ..	10/-
C.Q.M.S. Hutchinson ("D" Coy.)	Territorial Service Rifle Championship	2nd (60/-)
Lt. R. H. Rooksby ("C" Coy.)	Ditto	10th (10/-)
Capt. T. A. Carlile ("A" Coy.)	Ditto	7th (10/-)



Photo] [*Stuart, Newcastle on Tyne.*

BAND OF THE 4TH BATTALION.

We congratulate Lieut. Rooksby and C.Q.M.S. Hutchinson on their successful efforts.

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We heartily congratulate Capt. G. M. I. Stanley on his promotion to Captain.

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The weather has assumed a more spring-like attitude in the last few days, and about time too, and we sincerely trust it will reach to summer zenith during our time in Camp, especially as the Camp is situated on the bank of the river Ure. We leave on Sunday, the 19th June, at the early hour of 8.30 a.m., which means assembling at Drill Halls at 6.15 a.m., as medical inspections, etc., have to be carried out.

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6TH BATTALION NOTES.

IN THE FIELD,
RIPON,
27th June, 1927.

Oh ! to be in canvas, now that summer is here—or words to that effect—as Browning used to say. Anyhow, there being no General Strike, we are again in camp, and a very happy Battalion as usual.

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MACHINE GUN SECTION.

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Of course, there are the usual grousers, but eliminating the P.R.I. and the P.M.C., these are of no consequence.

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As civilian soldiers, we stand astonished at the business acumen of an economically minded and benevolent authority who sees fit to hire for 21 years a few acres of country which the local inhabitants designate "The Wash," but which we, with seven days' closer touch with its grand drainage system, are benevolently disposed to call "The Washout." Be that as it may, and in spite of lack of ablution benches, drainage system, sports grounds, and other deficiencies, we are gradually settling down.

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But we have already had our incidents, as the following description received from an Officer returning from permitted leave on the evening of the great gale will explain :—

"It is difficult to imagine that the days of the Great War could be resurrected with such telling emphasis as they were on Tuesday, the 22nd of June, 1927. The writer had been in town on urgent business, and having missed his train at the Base (London), wired for a Divisional car to meet him at Rail Head (Harrogate). The car was in waiting, and in the care of two Officers just down from the trenches and who had had the usual attention at the local Y.M.C.A. hut. 'There seems to have been a bit of a gale up North,' says the writer. 'Gale !' says one of the Officers (a hardy Captain with years of experience in the back regions of an Officers' Mess to fortify him), 'Not only a gale, but a ruddy miracle !'"

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On enquiries it was quickly, though somewhat incoherently ascertained that the following incidents had occurred during the course of the day :—

(1) An R.E. Officer rolled on by his horse and nearly killed.

(2) Commanding Officer of a Battalion thrown from his horse and Drums of Band permanently damaged.

(3) Adjutant of another Battalion confined to tent through driverless limber rushing him off the parade ground at the moment when he was giving the incorrect order, "Shoulder Arms."

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"C" COMPANY BY THE WAYSIDE.

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(4) Two Mess and various other tents blown sky high.

(5) Royal Engineers in demolishing a wall (for training purposes) blew ½ stone of granite block through mess tent of Battalion nearly killing an Officer, also breaking furniture to an undefined amount.

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"Is that all?" said the writer. "No," said the incoherent Officer, "your tent has gone West and floor boards are your billet for the night."

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Well, well. War is war, and Peace has her victories, etc.

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Up to date we have moved a little in the world of sport.

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"A" Company won the Battalion Cross Country Run by 29 points, Lce.-Sjt. Fife, the winner, showing a very fine turn of speed.

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"D" Company have beaten H.Q. Company in the Battalion Football Cup Competition by 4 goals to 3, and "B" Company beat "C" Company by 5 goals to 3.

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The Battalion Relay team easily won the Open Relay Race at the R.E. Sports on 23rd June, Lieut. P. Gardiner romping home by at least 50 yards. Hearty congratulations.

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The Section Leaders have covered themselves with glory, as the following results will show:—

Lce.-Sjt. E. Walton	100%
Lce.-Cpl. Moore	93%
Fus. C. Tomlinson	92%
Lce.-Cpl. Elliot	92%

The above received the congratulations of the Brigade Commander.

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Twenty other Section Leaders had over 80 %. The following are the percentages for each Battalion:—

6th Battalion ..	75.2 %	7th Battalion ..	73.9 %
4th Battalion ..	64.6 %	5th Battalion ..	56.7 %

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We are glad to say that for our strength we are the strongest Battalion in camp, having 498, or *plus* 19 Officers, out of a total strength of 527. We hope to improve this next year, and we see no reason why the Battalion should not get up to full strength.

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We have so far been inspected by the G.O.C.-in-C. Northern Command, G.O.C. Division, D.M.S., and other subsidiary Commanders, and have survived the ordeals.

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The weather so far has been most unkind, but we will complete these notes in our next issue.

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Hearty congratulations to the following, who won competitions at the recent Rifle Meeting held under the auspices of the Northumberland Rifle Association:—

R.S.M. J. O'Hara, winner of the Permanent Staff Competition.

Cpl. T. E. Rhodes, winner of the County Individual Competition.

The following also gained prizes:—Lieut. H. E. Wilson, Lieut. G. L. A. France, C.S.M. J. Fitzpatrick, Cpl. G. Mason, Fus. J. G. Carter, Recruits E. McMahon, C. T. Brotherton and J. Bruce.

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We also append two snapshots taken by Mr. E. W. Gosman, late Northumberland Fusiliers:—

(1) The M.G. Section, who got the best chit last Brigade Camp.

(2) "C" Company (including C.S.M. Jordan, M.M.) by the wayside.

7TH BATTALION NOTES.

CAMP,
22nd June, 1927.

We arrived in camp yesterday, and have now got ourselves shaken out and settled down.

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The camp, though somewhat restricted as to space, is very pleasantly situated, and we feel sure that we are in for a very enjoyable fortnight.

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Unfortunately our journey down was slightly marred, our arrival being nearly two hours late.

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The reason was said to be engine trouble.

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The advance party, anxiously waiting on the platform, had to commandeer a spare locomotive, which was sent out to drag the defaulting one in.

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Certainly a pronounced big-end knock was apparent.

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We are glad to be able to congratulate "A" Company on their success in winning the Lambton Cup at the Northumberland Rifle Association Meeting at Ponteland at Whit week-end.

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Also "B" Company in being second in the Lambton Cup and fourth in the 50th Divisional Memorial Trophy.

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"A" Company put up a stout show in the "Co-operative," their shoot against the Tyne Electrical Engineers being particularly exciting, and they were very unlucky not to have entered the Semi-Final.

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We are pleased so many of our Officers are able to attend, and were also glad to see Major H. R. Smail, T.D., amongst the most energetic of the Range Officers.

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Time at the moment being very fully occupied, we will have to postpone a fuller account of our days in camp until next month.

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The strength of the Battalion in camp is:—Officers 23, Other Ranks 497, and a contingent of 43 Other Ranks is due for the second week.

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The following Officers are in camp:—Major the Hon. H. B. Robson, Commanding Officer; Major F. B. Cowen, M.C., Second-

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in-Command ; Capt. E. H. Watson, Commanding "A" Company ; Capt. T. Ledgerwood, Commanding "B" Company ; Capt. J. C. Carr-Ellison, Commanding "C" Company ; Capt. A. J. K. Todd, Commanding "D" Company ; Capt. S. H. Gallon, Commanding H.Q. Wing ; Capt. W. H. Dargie, Transport Officer ; Lieuts. W. F. Clay, W. B. Potts, D. W. Moscrop, and W. E. R. Fuller, Signalling Officer ; 2nd-Lieuts. M. Robson, Machine Gun Officer, J. F. Simpson, W. S. Sanderson, J. Fawcus and J. S. Moore ; Lt. and Q.M. C. Adlard, M.M. ; Capt. and Adjt. R. Trenam, M.B.E., M.C., Adjutant ; Rev. J. Brosnan, R.C. Padre ; Lieut. R. F. Forbes-Watson, Depôt N.F. Training Cadre ; Lieut. W. N. C. Crawhall, Depôt N.F. Training Cadre ; Lieut. E. C. Gray, attch. from 13th London Regiment.

Editorial Notes.

THE OLD MILL HOUSE,
PRESTON CROWMARSH,
NEAR WALLINGFORD,

June, 1927.

We are now in a position to supply Bound Volumes for the following years :—1890, 1891, 1895, 1896, 1897, 1899, 1901, 1921, 1922, 1923, 1924, 1925 and 1926. 10/- each.

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Before the month of July has passed, we shall have left the Editorial sanctum, bent upon our annual sojourn among the Scottish hills. Letters sent to the above address will be forwarded, and so far as is possible will be answered. Readers will, however, please forgive us if answers to enquiries necessitating references to books, etc., are held over until our return in October or November.

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An illustrated booklet entitled "Canadian Pacific Playgrounds" has been issued by the Canadian Pacific Railway, 62–65, Charing Cross, London, S.W. 1, from whom a copy may be obtained free on application.

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The following *Gazettes* are at the Printers awaiting addresses having been returned by the Post Office as undelivered owing to addresses being unknown :—

Mrs. Harcourt-Vernon
Miss M. Crisp
Mrs. Henry Kilgour
Mr. M. Birtwhistle
Lieut. R. W. H. Fryer, M.C.
Lieut. W. P. Jones
Mr. J. Willing

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Subscriptions due in July :—

Mr. G. Barnard
Mr. W. Fuller
Major G. Wilkinson
Mr. J. Williams

REGIMENTAL DINNER.

The Regimental Dinner was held at the Grand Hotel on Thursday, 2nd June, when the following were present :—

Major-General Sir Percival Wilkinson, K.C.M.G. (in the chair) ; Major-General T. D. Pilcher, C.B.

Brigadier-Generals.—B. T. Buckley, C.B., C.M.G. ; Hon. C. Lambton, D.S.O. ; W. Sitwell, C.B., D.S.O.

Colonels.—E. S. Heard ; D. Sapte ; J. A. C. Somerville, C.B.E., C.M.G. ; C. G. C. Money, C.B. ; H. R. Sandilands, C.M.G., D.S.O. ; W. E. Sturgees ; A. E. Whitaker, C.B.E.

Lieut.-Colonels.—H. S. Ainslie, C.M.G. ; H. W. Archer ; B. Cruddas, D.S.O. ; S. H. Enderby ; W. Gibson ; A. C. L. Hardman-Jones ; W. N. Herbert, C.M.G., D.S.O. ; B. W. E. Gething ; H. W. G. Cole, C.S.I., O.B.E. ; G. R. F. Leverson, D.S.O. ; W. P. H. Rushbrooke, D.S.O. ; H. B. Warwick, D.S.O. ; W. Platt, D.S.O. ; E. W. Gordon, C.M.G., D.S.O ; F. C. Turner, C.M.G.

Majors.—R. M. Booth, D.S.O. ; S. S. Flower, O.B.E. ; A. P. Garnier, M.B.E., M.C. ; H. C. Stephen ; C. E. Thornton ; H. H. Prideaux, D.S.O., M.C. ; K. G. Williams, O.B.E. ; E. L. Salier, M.C. ; G. J. Jackson ; J. F. Chenevix-Trench, D.S.O.

Captains.—J. H. Lachlan, White, G. E. Fenwick, E. G. Pemberton, H. O. Sutherland, T. H. Owen, J. H. Hogshaw, C. E. Hamilton.

Lieutenants.—C. E. Beckwith, H. S. Flower, F. H. Butterfield G. H. Bolster, C. F. C. Carr-Ellison, B. T. G. Pringle.

Total 50.

Letters to the Editor.

To the Editor of "St. George's Gazette."

"SOMEWHERE IN SECLUSION,"

7th June, 1927.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

The Regimental Dinner has come and gone, and my soul's mate has returned to the nest, laden with manly purchases which he had no business to make (this by the way), and his mind filled with glowing accounts of dear old this and good old that. He naturally has unburdened his mind, and with such enthusiasm that I am filled with envy and recollections of those dear dim days when I too used to exchange cheerful greeting with dear old this and good old that.

I, therefore, with great trepidation, have taken up my pen to ask you if you would be so good as to permit the columns of the *St. George's Gazette* to air the following suggestion :—

Why not have a Regimental Tea Party as well as and on the same day as the Dinner ? I know that this is done in some Regiments, and with great success too. Should such a scheme materialise the many resultant advantages must be plain to all. I will content myself with mentioning a few of them. Apart from the main one of re-union, there is the ready excuse to accompany one's spouse on a trip to Town. There is the chance to display to old friends one's adolescent young and one's newest possession in the hat and dress line. Gossip naturally goes with re-union, so I need not emphasise that pleasure, but I anticipate a host of other joys in such a meeting, and I am sure each individual reader can conjure up her, or even his, own special argument in its favour, and as to drawbacks—of which, though to me it is barely conceivable, there may be some—they must be of so flimsy a nature that they can be quite easily brushed aside.

Now, with your kind assistance, dear Mr. Editor, I have sown the seed, and there is nearly a whole year for it to mature and bear the longed-for fruit. Meanwhile I commit to your inviolable confidence the anonimity I have assumed, partly because of natural diffidence, but more especially so that I may avoid being selected to, what in vulgar parlance is expressed as, "run the show." I therefore beg to be allowed to subscribe myself,

Your obedient servant,
(MRS.) "STOPATOME."

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8, HIGHAM PLACE,
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE,
30th June, 1927.

To the Editor of "St. George's Gazette."

DEAR SIR,

The Executive Committee, Northumberland Fusiliers' Aid Society, desire to acknowledge with many thanks subscriptions, donations, etc., received between 1st April and 30th June, 1927, as follows :—

	£	s.	d.
Col. A. Marshall	2	0	0
Brig.-Gen. C. Yatman, C.M.G., D.S.O.	3	3	0
Col. A. C. Hardman-Jones	1	0	0
Col. B. Cruddas, D.S.O.	3	0	0
Lord Armstrong, D.L.	2	2	0
Mrs. Bucknall (In memory W.H.C.B.)	1	1	0
Mrs. Biddulph	1	1	0
Major B. T. St. John	2	2	0
Major-Gen. Sir P. S. Wilkinson, K.C.M.G., C.B.	3	3	0
Col. A. C. Girdwood, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.	2	2	0
Brig.-Gen. T. G. L. Herbert Armstrong, C.B.E.	3	3	0
Hon. Secretary, Aid Society Ball Committee	248	13	3
P.M.C., 1st Bn. 5th Fusiliers	20	17	6
Late 35th Bn., per United Services Trustee	31	0	7
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Yours very truly,
J. M. BETT (Lt.-Col.),
Secretary and Treasurer.

EMPLOYMENT INNOVATION.

BY MAJOR F. K. HARDY, D.S.O., A.E. CORPS.

The Army Council has given approval to the formation of a new class at the Army Vocational Training Centre, Hounslow, in order to assist soldiers with long service (*i.e.* soldiers with 18 years' or more service) to obtain positions of trust such as Caretakers, Porters, Messengers, etc., for which occupations their military training renders them suitable.

Such soldiers may apply to join the Army Vocational Training Centre, Hounslow, for the last two months of their service. While there they will be employed on duties and given instruction in subjects likely to be of use to them in the employment they seek. Simultaneously, the Centre's Employment Bureau will take up their cases and endeavour to place each man in a job suitable to his particular qualifications. The men, moreover, will be given every facility during their attachment at Hounslow to attend interviews with prospective employers and will also be immediately available to take up positions as they occur.

In obtaining employment it should be remembered that self-help counts for a lot. The man who keeps his eyes and ears open, looks round for himself and gets his friends to help him, stands a better chance of finding congenial employment than does the man who sits down and waits for others to find it for him.

Senior ranks holding positions of responsibility will find that (at Hounslow), being released from their duties, they can devote their whole energy to solving the problem of their future.

Soldiers who are allotted vacancies are advised to bring with them plain clothes, as whilst some employers like to see applicants for employment in uniform, others prefer to see what they look like in civilian clothes.

It must be remembered that a discharge certificate of service is not available until within a few days of expiration of Colour service. Before a soldier obtains this he has nothing to prove to employers what his record is. For this reason, W.O.'s, N.C.O.'s and Men are advised to bring with them any chits they may have received from Officers under whom they have served, and, if they wish to take up a dual post with their wives, copies of any references the latter may possess.

N.A.A.F.I.

REVENUE OF ALL INSTITUTES COMBINED.

The Balance Sheet as at 30th October, 1926, may now be seen in the frame provided for these Annual Statements. The Accounts are certified by Auditors in the manner required by law.

Those who are not accustomed to the study of balance sheets may not see at a glance in what a very sound position the N.A.A.F.I. stood at the end of its last financial year, or realise how much of the revenue is devoted to the men of the Services in various ways.

Many Institutes are conducted at a margin barely sufficient to cover the rebate payable. In some cases the margin is insufficient, but by taking so many Institutes together, the revenue account shows that a very substantial surplus has been earned. The following figures may help to explain the Revenue Account.

After meeting all expenses, but before paying rebate and discount, the surplus revenue for the year amounted to £604,437 9s. 7d. Part of this surplus is to be retained in the business for the benefit of the Services in future years, viz. :

	£	s.	d.
For Capital redemption	10,000	0	0
For General Reserve	54,315	11	10
	£64,315	11	10

The remainder has been, or will be, expended in the following manners :—

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Rebate and Discount	453,921	17	9			
Less amount paid from the Revenue Account of the previous year	36,284	16	9			
				417,637	1	0
Institute Furnishing	60,000	0	0			
Extra Rebate (for the current year)	54,584	16	9			
Grants to Sports Boards	400	0	0			
Institute Amenities (such as Entertainments)	7,500	0	0			
				122,484	16	9
				£540,121	17	9

It will thus be seen that the Services have received (or will receive) from the revenue derived from the Institutes for *one year* over half-a-million pounds sterling.

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THE END OF AN AIR FLEET.

I.

Night fell, and the great aerodrome at Daldorf suddenly became a hive of activity. The grey hangars, in rows upon rows on two sides of the aerodrome, stood silhouetted against the dark background with their black openings giving them the appearance of great stationary monsters carved in rock. Out of these openings issued numberless aircraft, giving an impression of some sinister and gigantic births taking place.

Giant bombing 'planes, smaller fighting 'planes, and still smaller scouting 'planes came forth and formed up in front of their hangars.

Officers and mechanics were moving about everywhere, the latter carrying out last minute tests. Other Officers were standing about in groups, smoking and talking, and the flash of electric torches revealed groups taking final surveys of their maps.

The still night was riven at short intervals by violent explosions, as engine after engine was started up for final testing and "warming up."

Out of the Officers' Mess on the far side of the aerodrome, a small group of figures advanced towards the scene of activity, and as the group passed through the other groups of Officers these latter came briskly to attention and salutes were exchanged.

Count Zwellenberg, the Chief of the Air Service of this great Foreign Power, paused at each group, spoke a few words, and passed on—finally returning to the Mess, and shortly after entered his waiting car and returned to the large city five miles away, where he entered the Air Ministry buildings and made his way alone to his office, where his Chief of Staff sat busily writing.

The Chief of Staff rose and turned to Count Zwellenberg expectantly. The latter, a short, dapper man in the early fifties, with lined face, sunken brown eyes and fierce grey moustaches, smiled slowly and said :—

"Well, Heltmann, they go in exactly five minutes, and I must say that I was particularly impressed with the quiet enthusiasm of them ; no wild, excited youths out for an unknown adventure, but men, efficient men, with a knowledge of dangers and risks, and with a firm determination to win or die. We must win with such men and such machines. I'm sorry for the inhabitants of the towns when our liquid fire and the new "O" gas gets amongst them. Well, well, war's war, and it will soon be over, thank God !"

The Chief of Staff lit a cigarette before replying. "Yes, Sir," he said ; "we can't help but win, the preponderance of our Air Service is too great for any nation to cope with, and if to-night's operations don't finish them, the second fleet to-morrow, and the third next day, must. Their Navy cannot enter our harbours, and their transports could never reach land should they embark an expeditionary force. No, three days will end it, probably to-night will be enough for them."

As he spoke, an orderly knocked, entered the room and saluted :—"The fleet is passing over, Sir."

The Air Chief and his Chief of Staff passed from the room, entered a lift, and shortly afterwards they stood together on the flat roof of the Air Ministry buildings. Above them, close down, echelon after echelon of 'planes passed over, and although only a few hundred feet above the buildings only a faint hum could now be heard ; the new "silencers" were now in place and working perfectly.

As each squadron passed over, it dipped three times in salute and sped quickly westwards into the night.

II.

On the afternoon of this same day England had been suddenly surprised by the sudden declaration of war by the great Foreign Power, the great Power known to have an enormous air fleet, a small navy and a smaller army.

The people of England had for many months pestered its Government to increase the Air Service, but had been assured that all was well, and that adequate means were available to protect the country from any attack, be it by air, sea or land. The people were partly pacified, and apart from sporadic newspaper attacks, the country pursued its normal peace-time business.

On the eve of the same day war was declared, fast motor lorries passed eastwards, southwards and westwards to the coast from such places as Edinburgh, Newcastle-on-Tyne, York, Ipswich, London, Winchester, Bristol, Chester and Carlisle, and by nightfall strange metal tubular masts, with funnel-shaped tops, had been erected at five mile intervals all round the east, south and west coasts. At the foot of each mast stood a lorry, in which some kind of dynamo purred.

Shortly after 11 p.m., on this night, the hum of aircraft was heard at different points round the east and south coasts, followed by the discharge of numerous light signals from the air. Light flashes all round these coasts answered them, and the aircraft passed rapidly inland and the hum of the dynamo in each lorry swelled to a dull roar and faint sparks could be seen playing about the funnel-shaped tops of the masts, and far up in the heavens the sharp crack of thunder could be heard. It seemed as if a terrific thunderstorm spread round the whole of the east and south coasts of England.

III.

The Air Fleet of the great Foreign Power neared the shores of England shortly after 11 p.m., and the pilots were surprised at the peculiar storm spreading up and down the English coast —great sharp bursts of thunder that did not rumble into the distance and no signs of lightning.

Many thought it was artillery fire, but no bursting shell could be seen. Many wondered and were afraid, but the Air Fleet kept steadily on.

As the first echelons reached a certain point over the sea about half a mile from land, the 'planes seemed to enter a terrible storm ; they were tossed upwards, downwards, sideways, wings were torn off, and 'plane after 'plane plunged to sea. The echelons behind saw the bobbing and plunging tail lights of the echelons in front, hesitated, went on and into the storm centre and also crashed to sea. A few machines tried to quickly climb as if the pilots had a vague idea that they must get up and over the storm, but all entered it and all crashed to sea or land. The Air Fleet of the great Foreign Power was no more ; neither did the second and third Fleets leave their aerodromes on the second and third nights. The great Foreign Power had lost the war in a few minutes.

The defence of the coast was carried out by Electrical Companies, R.E., each Company including :—

> Two motor lorries carrying one "storm-mast" each, capable of injecting into the ether electrical currents which set up an electrical storm or disruption of the air for a height of 25,000 feet, a depth of 2,000 feet, and a width of 2½ miles each side of the mast, in which no aircraft could exist.

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A REGIMENTAL PAPER FOR THE "OLD AND BOLD."

"Quo fata vocant."

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THE EDITOR'S CORNER.

THE OLD MILL HOUSE,

PRESTON CROWMARSH,

NEAR WALLINGFORD,

30th July, 1927.

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Lieut. R. M. Stevenson	.. „ 4/28	Lieut. R. H. Yorke ..	.. „ 5/28
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EXTRACTS from *The London Gazette* :—

TERRITORIAL BATTALIONS.

4th Bn.—L. P. Boss to be 2nd-Lieutenant (dated 19th April).

4th Bn.—Major B. Cruddas, D.S.O. (Lt.-Col., Res. of Off.) to be Lieut.-Colonel (dated 27th May) ; Capt. G. L. Bradley to be Major (dated 27th May) ; Lieut. W. M. Gibson, M.C., to be Captain (dated 27th May).

Obituary.

MR. DONALD MUNRO.

We regret to announce the death of Donald Munro, which occurred at Alnwick on 25th June, aged 75 years. Entering in the 91st Highlanders in August, 1869, he transferred to the 5th Fusiliers a few years later, and served in the 2nd Battalion till 1885, when he was posted to the permanent staff of the 3rd Battalion as Colour Serjeant. On discharge in December, 1892, Donald was employed under the 6th, 7th and 8th

THE LATE COLOUR-SERGEANT D. MUNRO.

Dukes of Northumberland as lodgekeeper and dynamo man for 35 years, with much credit to himself and his old Regiment. Many Officers and others who have been privileged to fish in the Aln will recall his cheery smile and joy in chatting about the days he spent in the FIFTH, which he was so proud in having belonged to. At the funeral, which was of a military character, the six underbearers were drawn from fellow employees at Alnwick Castle and from members of the Alnwick British Legion.

To his widow and family we respectfully tender our sympathy on the passing of a very fine Fusilier.

Regimental Notes.

1ST BATTALION NOTES.

BALLYKINLAR,

July, 1927.

The chief events of the month have been the N.I.D. Rifle Meetings, which took place at Ballykinlar, and the N.I.D. Cricket Competition, a full report of which will be found elsewhere.

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The Rifle Meeting was held in the most execrable weather. A high wind predominated throughout the three days, and rain fell at frequent intervals. A notable feature was the victory of the Officers' team of the Fifth Fusiliers in the competition for the Kilworth Challenge Shield. The team consisted of Capt. Seth-Smith, Mr. Carr-Ellison, Mr. Bolster and Mr. Macmullen.

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In the Individual competitions, Sjt. Irwin carried off the All-Comers' Competition, and Cpl. Purcell the Corporals' Competition. Sjt. Irwin had to shoot off a tie with C.P.O. Barratt, R.N., both having equal top scores of 29.

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C.P.O. Barratt fired the first shot and secured an outer. Sjt. Irwin then fired, securing a magpie, which won for him the competition and a handsome Cup presented by the G.O.C. N. Ireland District.

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To Mr. Kilgour fell the unenviable task of Secretary. All markers and officials and most competitors appeared to be at their allotted posts at the correct time, which was no mean feat.

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Mr. Forbes-Watson, having completed his tour of duty at the Depôt, has returned to the Battalion. We lost Capt. Braddell, however, who has gone to the Depôt. We welcome Mr. Boon, of the Special Reserve of Officers, who is at present attached to the Battalion.

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Capt. Newstead has removed a large party to Belfast to the Tattoo which is taking place at Balmoral at the end of this month and the beginning of next. Scenes will be enacted from the first Relief of Lucknow. In addition to this, the Band and Drums will perform.

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The annual Married Families' Outing took place at Ballykinlar on 12th July. The weather in the morning was threatening, but it cleared up in the afternoon, and the cricket field was the scene of joyous activities. At the end of the day nearly every child appeared to have won something, which is as it should be.

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The March and Shoot Competition of the current Champion Company year took place on 11th July, in sultry weather. All Companies marched the nine miles extremely well, and all the times were near the two hours and a quarter, which was the official time for the course. The final order of merit was :— 1, "Y" Company ; 2, "X" Company ; 3, "W" Company ; and 4, "Z" Company.

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The newly-acquired racing pigeons were used to bring news from the cricket match at Comber, and performed their duties in the most exemplary manner.

CRICKET.

Company cricket has been finished. All the scores are not to hand, but the results are as follows :—

" Y " Company won 3.
" W " Company won 2.
" X " Company won 1.
" Z " Company won 0.

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For " Y " Company, Mr. Macmullen made 80 not out against " X " Company, and 182 against " Z " Company. While Mr. Kilgour made 103 against " Y " Company, and against " Z " Company 107 and 88 not out.

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On 9th July, " A " Battalion team was beaten by Annsborough C.C. by 6 wickets.

Scores.—Fifth Fusiliers, 74 (Lce.-Cpl. Pyle 41) and 70 for 6 wickets declared (Mr. Macmullen 26). Annsborough 40 and 107 for 6 wickets.

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THE OFFICERS OF THE FIFTH FUSILIERS *v.* THE OFFICERS of H.M.S. " HOOD."

Played at Ballykinlar, 27th June, 1927.

No play was possible before lunch, owing to the late arrival of our visitors. A start, however, was made at two o'clock. Mr. Macmullen lost the toss, and our opponents went in to bat on the usual highly dangerous Ballykinlar wicket. Lieut.-Comdr. Kershaw and Mid. Phillimore commenced immediately to score at a great pace. The bowling of the FIFTH was strictly limited both in quantity and quality, and it was not till the first wicket had made 110 runs that Mr. Kilgour broke up the partnership. Kershaw played a delightful innings, and drove with great power; he was very unlucky to be out. Mid. Phillimore was out at 118 for a very steady and useful 30. Cadet Blacker then proceeded to hit the rather demoralised bowling to all parts of the field, and Mr. Yorke, on the square leg boundary, got through a tremendous amount of work.

Meanwhile Mr. Beckwith got rid of three batsmen cheaply from the other end, and half the side were out for 189. Mr. Laing thereupon proceeded to bowl a length for the first time, with the result that the tail batsmen, who were hitting out at everything, collapsed, and the side was out for 241. Mr. Macmullen managed his limited amount of bowling with great sagacity, nevertheless we were lucky to get our opponents as cheaply as we did.

The FIFTH opened their innings with Mr. Beckwith and Mr. Laing, but with only 2 runs scored Mr. Beckwith played outside a straight ball from Lees and was bowled. Worse was to follow, for at 15 Mr. Macmullen hit out to a leg break from Lieut.-Comdr. Grace and was caught at cover. Mr. Kilgour five runs later placed a ball from the same bowler gently into short slip's hands—20 for 3. Capt. Buckley, however, came in to save the situation. Hitting with power and judgment, he made 38 out of the 47 runs put on for the fourth wicket. Among his scoring strokes were three 6's and one 4. Sixty-seven for 4 was better, but not good enough. Capt. Powell, however, proved to be in his best form, and pulled the fortunes of the side right round. The fifth wicket added 80 runs, Capt. Powell hitting ferociously and Mr. Laing placing a stolid bat in front of anything straight. The fifth wicket fell at 147, Mr. Laing cutting a short ball from Stonehouse straight into the slips. He had batted for one hour and a half for his 27 runs, but had kept one end intact during a difficult period. Mr. Butterfield then joined Capt. Powell, and the pair scored at a great pace, putting on 53 runs in about 25 minutes. Stumps were drawn at 6.30, with the match in a very interesting condition. Capt. Powell played his best innings of the season, completely pulling the game round and turning certain defeat into probable victory. The power of his hitting may be judged from the fact that he hit four 6's and ten 4's in his 86 runs.

H.M.S. " HOOD."

Lieut.-Comdr. Kershaw, hit wkt, b Kilgour	72
Mid. Phillimore, c Macmullen, b Laing	30
Cadet Blacker, st Butterfield, b Beckwith	45
Lieut.-Comdr. Onslow, lbw, b Beckwith	8
Lieut.-Comdr. Grace, b Beckwith	4
Lieut. Lee, c Macmullen, b Laing	30
Lieut. Ainslie, st Butterfield, b Beckwith	4
Lieut.-Comdr. Brauten, b Laing	5
Mid. Stopford, c Macmullen, b Laing	15
Pay-Lieut. Lees, st Butterfield, b Laing	1
Mid. Stonehouse, not out	0
Extras	27
Total	241

FIFTH FUSILIERS.

Lieut. C. E. Beckwith, b Lees	1
2nd-Lieut. W. E. F. Laing, c Onslow, b Stonehouse	27
Lieut. M. N. E. Macmullen, c Phillimore, b Grace	9
Lieut. I. J. Kilgour, c Lee, b Lees	5
Capt. E. G. M. Buckley, c Kershaw, b Onslow	38
Capt. H. I. Powell, not out	86
Lieut. F. H. Butterfield, not out	16
Extras	18
Total (for 5 wkts.)	200

Lt.-Col. W. G. Herbert, Lieut. C. F. C. Carr-Ellison, Lieut. R. H. Yorke, 2nd-Lieut. R. C. Stockley did not bat.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

FIFTH FUSILIERS.

Laing	5 for 82.
Kilgour	1 for 76.
Beckwith	4 for 47.
Macmullen	0 for 9.

H.M.S. " HOOD."

Lees	2 for 43.
Grace	1 for 62.
Onslow	1 for 31.
Phillimore	0 for 20.
Stonehouse	1 for 26.

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FIFTH FUSILIERS *v.* R.A.S.C.

Played at Belfast, 12th July, 1927.

This was the semi-final of the N.I.D. Cricket Competition. A thick mist hung over the ground, periodically dissolving into a most unpleasant drizzle. The R.A.S.C. having won the toss, elected to bat on a wicket little better than a mud-heap. Conditions for the bowlers at the beginning were rather worse than for the batsmen. The ball was slippery, and in spite of liberal applications of sawdust it was difficult to stand up. Mr. Genders and S/S. Moore made 30 runs for the first wicket. Under the circumstances this was a good start, for though it was difficult to make the ball turn, it came along at varying height and speeds. Lce.-Cpl. Turner enjoyed some good for-

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tune, and played bright cricket, but nobody else offered much resistance. The side was out soon after lunch for 100.

The wicket had cut up rather badly by then, and the FIFTH made their usual bad start, 3 wickets being down for 13 runs. Capt. Buckley and Mr. Kilgour, however, pulled the game round, and Capt. Powell and Lce.-Cpl. Fairhurst put the result beyond doubt. Lce.-Cpl. Fairhurst seemed to be timing the ball better than usual, possibly the wicket was slow enough to turn his long back swing into account.

The Fifth Fusiliers thus qualified to meet the West Yorkshire Regiment in the final.

R.A.S.C.

Lieut. Genders, c Kilgour, b Laing	20
S/S. Moore, b Purcell	12
Pte. Keen, c Finnamore, b Kilgour	1
Lce.-Cpl. Turner, c Obey, b Purcell	32
Lce.-Cpl. Senior, b Obey	9
S.S. Elliot, b Laing	1
Serjt. Spittle, b Macmullen	8
Lce.-Cpl. Payne, b Laing	0
Serjt. Butler, not out	8
Dmr. Davies, c Pyle, b Purcell	5
Lce.-Cpl. Hamilton, b Purcell	0
Extras	4
Total	100

FIFTH FUSILIERS.

2nd-Lieut. Laing, b Senior	8
Cpl. Purcell, lbw, b Elliot	4
Lieut. Macmullen, lbw, b Elliot	1
Lieut. Kilgour, c Butler, b Elliot	15
Capt. Buckley, c Senior, b Spittle	47
Capt. Powell, not out	18
Lieut. Butterfield, not out	3
Lce.-Cpl. Fairhurst, run out	15
Extras	5
Total (for 6 wkts.)	116

Sjt. Finnamore, Lce.-Cpl. Pyle, Cpl. Obey did not bat.

BOLWING ANALYSIS.

FIFTH FUSILIERS.

Purcell	4 for 36.
Obey	1 for 24.
Laing	3 for 25.
Kilgour	1 for 3.
Macmullen	1 for 8.

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FIFTH FUSILIERS *v.* THE WEST YORKSHIRE REGIMENT.

Played at Comber, 18th and 19th July, 1927.

This was the final of the N.I.D. Cricket Competition. Mr. Macmullen performed his first duty faithfully by winning the toss, and Capt. Powell and Mr. Laing went in to bat at 11.30, on a beautiful wicket. Both batsmen played with great care, and runs came slowly. A change of bowling at 20 proved fatal to Mr. Laing, who tried to turn a straight one to leg and missed it. At 33, Capt. Powell played back to a well-pitched-up ball which turned enough to beat the bat and hit the off stump.

At this total Mr. Kilgour joined Mr. Macmullen, and the spectators had the pleasure of wtaching some really brilliant cricket. Mr. Macmullen started shakily and put one shot dangerously near cover-point, but after he had settled down he played a brilliant innings. Mr. Kilgour, however, started with the utmost confidence and treated all the bowling alike. His drives through the covers were a delight to watch—indeed, he became a positive menace to extra-cover,

Lunch was taken with the score at 200 for 2 wickets—Mr. Kilgour 107, and Mr. Macmullen 67. Fortified by their rest, the bowlers returned to the attack, and at 236 Mr. Craig bowled Mr. Kilgour with a beautiful ball. Batting for an hour and three quarters, the outgoing batsman played an innings which was truly brilliant ; he hit twenty-one 4's, and gave no possible chance till he had passed the century. The third wicket had put on 203 runs.

Mr. Macmullen left at 298. He had batted for about two hours and a half. Though obliged to play second fiddle to Mr. Kilgour during their long stand, yet his cricket was most attractive to watch. He was very unfortunate in not reaching three figures, a distinction he thoroughly deserved. He hit fourteen 4's. The tail received instructions to hit or get out. They got out. The innings closing for 311 at about twenty minutes to four.

The West Yorkshire Regiment thus had forty minutes' batting before tea. Cpl. Obey obtained the hoped-for quick wicket by clean bowling Mr. Tighe with only 8 runs on the board. Capt. Welch and Mr. Renny, however, stayed together till tea.

Following the tea interval, however, there was a collapse, 3 wickets falling with the total at 58. The fifth wicket put on 38, but after that Sjt. Finnamore went through the side, and the innings closed in the last over of the day for 149.

Sjt. Finnamore, though he had rarely bowled for the Regimental side before, came out with the best analysis. He seemed to extract plenty of life from a easy-paced wicket, kept an excellent length, and was always troubling the batsmen. The FIFTH on the first innings therefore led by 162 runs.

Play on the second day started at 11.15, and the West Yorkshire Regiment, as was expected, were made to follow on. Capt. Welch and Mr. Craig opened with the utmost care, and looked as if they would be there all day. But after 24 runs had been scored in forty minutes. Capt. Welch was bowled by Mr. Laing. Mr. Renny, however, proceeded in the same manner. For the first time it looked as if the FIFTH might lose their hold of the game. Sjt. Finnamore bowled five overs before a run was scored off him, and Mr. Kilgour three. Mr. Macmullan went on himself and bowled "donkey drops" which were treated with the respect due to Mailey or Grimmet. Finally, Sjt. Finnamore, bowling with the wind behind him, had Mr. Renny finely caught in the slips at 85. When Mr. Craig was out 96, no one else offered much resistance to Sjt. Finnamore, who, bowling very well indeed, again went through the side, the innings closing at a quarter to two for 158 runs.

The FIFTH thus won easily by an innings and 4 runs. In spite of the easy victory, the cricket was always interesting, and with delightful weather prevailing throughout it was a very pleasant match.

FIFTH FUSILIERS.

Capt. Powell, b Turner	11
2nd-Lieut. Laing, lbw, b Turner	12
Lieut. Macmullen, c Welch, b Bloxam	98
Lieut. Kilgour, b Craig	127
Capt. Buckley, c Churn, b Turner	19
Cpl. Purcell, c and b Turner	16
L/Cpl. Fainhurst, lbw, b Bloxam	5
Lieut. Butterfield, not out	6
Sjt. Finnamore, c and b Turner	3
Lce.-Cpl. Pyle, b Craig	0
Cpl. Obey, st Agar, b Craig	0
Extras	14
Total	311

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WEST YORKSHIRE REGIMENT.

1st innings.		2nd innings.	
Capt. Welch, c Kilgour, b Finnamore ..	28	b Laing	13
Lieut. Tighe, b Obey	2	b Finnamore	2
Lieut. Renny, c Macmullen, b Laing ..	27	c Kilgour, b Finnamore ..	32
Sjt. Agar, b Finnamore	0	c Macmullen, b Finnamore ..	4
Lieut. Craig, lbw, b Laing	31	b Finnamore	42
Sjt. Churn, b Laing	16	st Butterfield, b Finnamore	18
Pte. Banham, b Obey	13	b Finnamore	9
Sjt. Gratten, b Finnamore	15	run out	4
Lieut. Bloxam, b Finnamore	6	c Pyle, b Laing	14
Lce.-Cpl. Turner, b Finnamore	0	not out	2
Lce.-Cpl. Collins, not out	0	b Laing	0
Extras	11	Extras	18
Total	149	Total	158

Bowling Analysis.

FIFTH FUSILIERS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Craig ..	23	4	80	3
Bloxam ..	15	—	75	2
Turner ..	22	4	82	5
Churn ..	8	1	29	—
Banham ..	6	—	31	—

WEST YORKSHIRE REGIMENT.

1st innings.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Purcell ..	15	—	47	—
Obey ..	13	3	37	2
Laing ..	11	1	30	3
Finnamore	10	4	24	5

2nd innings.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Obey ..	5	1	18	—
Purcell ..	6	1	10	—
Laing ..	14	4	34	3
Finnamore	17	7	33	6
Kilgour ..	3	3	—	—
Pyle ..	5	2	8	—
Macmullen	10	—	44	—

A Married Families' Sports Day was held at Ballykinlar on the 12th July, 1927. Below is a programme of events and the various prize winners :—

1. *Flat Race* (*Boys*).—1, Freddie Ratliff ; 2, Willie Hullyer ; 3, John Duggan.
2. *Egg and Spoon Race* (*Girls*).—1, Elsie Rowsell ; 2, Rose Capstaff ; 3, Peggy Duggan.
3. *Potato Race* (*Ladies*).—1, Miss Cox ; 2, Mrs. Locke ; 3, Mrs. Hullyer.
4. *Three-legged Race* (*Boys*).—1, Paddy Kelly and George Capstaff ; 2, Charlie Ratliff and Freddie Ratliff.
5. *Flat Race* (*Children*).—1, Shelia Windram ; 2, Cyril Ratliff ; 3, Joyce Timbers ; 4, Jerry Duggan ; 5, Micky Maddix ; 6, Gladys Hobbs.
6. *Skipping Race*.—1, Betty Rowsell ; 2, Frances Capstaff.
7. *Whistling Race*.—*Lady*, Mrs. Windram ; *Gent.*, R.Q.M.S. Capstaff.
8. *Relay Race*.—Charlie Ratliff, Peter Windram, John Duggan, Harry Hobbs.
9. *Flat Race* (*Enlisted Boys*).—1, Boy Ambury ; 2, Boy Walsh ; 3rd, Boy Mannington.
10. *Relay Race* (*Girls*).—Dorothy Daly, Rose Capstaff, Peggy Duggan, Joan Gale.
11. *Flat Race* (*Gents.*).—1, Cpl. Ross ; 2, Cpl. Hackett ; 3, C.Q.M.S. Peak.
12. *Tug-of-War* (*Boys*). — Freddie Peak, T. Hobbs, John Duggan, Peter Windram, J. Scally, Charlie Ratliff, D. Rex, Paddy Kelly.
13. *Hurdle Race* (*Children*).—1, Shelia Windram ; 2, Cyril Ratliff ; 3, Jean Ludford ; 4, May Duggan ; 5, J. Blakey.
14. *Drawing Race*.—*Lady*, Miss Cox ; *Gent.*, Fus. Ouzman.
15. *Flat Race* (*Girls*).—1, Dorothy Daly ; 2, Peggy Duggan ; 3, Betty Rowsell.
16. *Boat Race* (*Boys*).—S. Irwin, J. Scally, J. Duggan, G. Capstaff, P. Windram.
17. *Potato Race* (*Children*).—1, Jerry Duggan ; 2, Shelia Windram ; 3, Doris Gale ; 4, E. Gordon ; 5, Cyril Ratliff ; 6, Shelia Townson.
18. *Treasure Hunt*.—1st Treasure, Miss McGown, Sjt. Hobbs ; 2nd Treasure, Mrs. Seth-Smith, Sjt. Locke.
19. *Horse Race* (*Boys and Girls*).—1, Rose Capstaff and George Capstaff ; 2, Peggy Duggan and John Duggan.
20. *Musical Chairs*.—*Children*, Doris Daly and John Duggan ; *Ladies*, Mrs. Hutchinson.
21. *Tug-of-War* (*Enlisted Boys*).—Boys Knobbs, Brewster, Macintosh, Jarrett, Attree, Soans, Ambury, Parks, Mannington.
22. *Musical Shuffle* (*Gents.*).—Lce.-Cpl. Longstaff.

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The greatest competition of the day was the Treasure Hunt. All ranks and their wives took part. Great credit was due to the winners, Miss McGowan and Sjt. Hobbs.

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Had some of our famous tacticians been present, they would have hardly credited that soldiers and their wives could adopt such an extended formation. But for one of the Committee informing them of their futile search, it is hard to say where it would have ended.

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Two special races were held for the Belfast Troop of Boy Scouts and Cubs who are at present doing their annual outing at Ballykinlar. The winners were :—

Boy Scouts.—1, John Brennan ; 2, Geo. Newman ; 3, dead heat between Fred Hudson and Alfred Holloway.

Wolf Cubs.—1, S. Hudson ; 2, Tom Murroy ; 3, John Graham.

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There was an interval for tea, which was provided by the N.A.A.F.I., and followed by various side shows, cocoa-nut shies, etc. These had a great attraction for the ladies and the children. Prizes were plentiful and appreciated by all.

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Mrs. Herbert kindly presented prizes to all winners at conclusion of the day's entertainment.

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Our thanks are due to the clerk of the weather for having kept the rain away. Up to 11 a.m. rain fell heavily, but by 1.30 p.m. all was cleared up, and everyone enjoyed the day.

SERJEANTS' MESS NOTES.

Since our last notes another Billiard Handicap has been concluded, and results are given below.

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Congratulations to the winner, and also to the runner-up on his good fight.

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Each game was 200 up.

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First Round.

HANDICAP.			ACTUAL SCORES.
10 S.	..	Q.M.S. Gale beat	190
50 B.	..	Sjt. Swain	244
60 B.	..	Lce.-Sjt. Locke beat	260
10 S.	..	Sjt. D'Orcy	149
50S.	..	Sjt. Chapman beat	150
Scratch	..	C.Q.M.S. Lewis	169
Scratch	..	Mr. Tracey beat	200
90 B.	..	Sjt. Walsh	201
70 B.	..	Mr. Flatcher beat	270
50 S.	..	Sjt. Hunt	184
90 B.	..	R.S.M. Rowsell beat	290
50 B.	..	Sjt. Finnamore	245

Byes.—Mr. Williams, Mr. Sutton, S/Sjt. Brown, Sjt. Murphy, C.S.M. Ratliff, Sjt. Gibbons, Sjt. Wixon, Mr. Craven, C.S.M. Blakey, Lce.-Sjt. Meadows.

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Second Round.

HANDICAP.			ACTUAL SCORES.
20 S.	..	Lce.-Sjt. Meadows beat	180
Scratch	..	Mr. Craven	176
10 S.	..	C.S.M. Blakey beat	190
60 B.	..	Lce.-Sjt. Locke	119
60 B.	..	Sjt. Murphy beat	260
60 B.	..	S/Sjt. Brown	248
170 B.	..	Sjt. Wixon beat	370
50 S.	..	Sjt. Chapman	89
Scratch	..	Sjt. Gibbons beat	200
90 B.	..	R.S.M. Rowsell	240
70 B.	..	Mr. Flatcher beat	
80 B.	..	Mr. Williams	Scratched.
40 S.	..	C.S.M. Ratliff beat	160
10 S.	..	Q.M.S. Gale	153
30 B.	..	Mr. Sutton beat	230
Scratch	..	Mr. Tracey	194

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Third Round.

40 S.	..	C.S.M. Ratliff beat	160
20 S.	..	Lce.-Sjt. Meadows	161
60 B.	..	Sjt. Murphy beat	260
10 S.	..	C.S.M. Blakey	107
170 B.	..	Sjt. Wixon beat	370
30 B.	..	Mr. Sutton	165
Scratch	..	Sjt. Gibbons beat	200
70 B.	..	Mr. Flatcher	255

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Semi-Final.

170 B.	..	Sjt. Wixon beat	370
40 S.	..	C.S.M. Ratliff	135
Scratch	..	Sjt. Gibbons beat	200
60 B.	..	Sjt. Murphy	254

Final.

Scratch	..	Sjt. Gibbons beat	200
170 B.	..	Sjt. Wixon	335

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The results of the Whist Drives for the month are as follows:—

	Ladies.	*Gents.*	
July 6.	1, Mrs. Kelly.	1, Mrs. Rowsell	both played as Gents.
	2, Mrs. Dennis.	2, Mrs. Windram	
,, 13.	1, Mrs. Cox.	1, Lce.-Sjt. Lawless.	
	2, Mrs. Townson.	2, Lce.-Sjt. Kelly.	
,, 20.	1, Miss Blackwood.	1, Sjt. Blackwood	D.L.I.
	2, Mrs. Sutton.	2, Sjt. Ritson	

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Congratulations to Lce.-Sjt. Hobbs, Lce.-Sjt. Brown and Sjt. Irwin on their successes at the N.I.D. Rifle Meeting.

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Our weekly Dances continue to provide plenty of exercise for the younger members, although it is noticed that often they still require a little encouragement from some of the Old Brigade.

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It is considered that this is probably due to nerves, and arrangements have been made for a supply of Phospherine to be available for needly members at future Dances.

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Congratulations to Lce.-Sjt. and Mrs. Meadows on their increase—to wit, one son.

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Several of the members are away in Belfast, fighting the old battles over, and incidentally preparing for more training.

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It has now been disclosed that the objective of "Staker" in the billiard world is the "Cup." He is thoroughly fit, so should he fail to land the goods he cannot offer lack of condition as an excuse.

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"Fanny" underwent a minor operation to one of her internal organs, with success, and a consequent decrease of her consuming abilities.

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"Economy" connects with the "interior" evidently.

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I am asked to apologise for the absence of the instalment of our fishing story. Our usual correspondent on this subject is at present among the Belfast Tattoo Army.

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Congratulations to Lce.-Sjt. Dennis on his scholastic achievement. He knows a thing or two.

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CORPORALS' CLUB NOTES.

We are presumed to be in the middle of summer, but the severe weather, torrential rains and intense cold, which we have endured must be similar to Siberia's summer.

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Many of our members "awoke in the middle of the night" to view the eclipse, but our friend "Rain," with Mrs. Fog, deprived us of any sight of the phenomenon.

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We are very sorry to lose Cpl. Fotherby, who has gone to

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the Depôt ; and we welcome Cpl. Harris, who has rejoined the Battalion from the Depôt.

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During the month the N.I.D. Rifle Meeting was held at Ballykinlar, and the " Fold " are anxious to congratulate Cpl. Purcell on his winning of the Corporals' Cup, and also Lce.-Cpl. Ferguson in gaining second place in the open Lewis Gun March.

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Congratulations are extended to Cpl. Maddix (Broncho Bill) on his promotion to that rank.

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We are very sorry to announce the departure of Lce.-Cpls. Whitfield and Sudron, who have left us for " civi " life and the Army Reserve.

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We have also lost another member—a member known and liked by all, namely Cpl. J. Daley, commonly known as " Father." He has served in this Regiment for a continuous period of 24 years.

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He enlisted in 1903, and was sent to South Africa. He served in India, and took part in the Indian Frontier Expedition in 1908 ; and during the Great War he was in France from 1914 to 1915, and took part in the battles of Ypres, Mons and Marne, all of which are Regimental honours.

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It is regretted that we could not hold a farewell function to wish him well in his new sphere of life. However, we hope he will accept our best wishes and hopes for the future, and that he will give our best regards to Mrs. Daley.

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The billiard table is still down, pending the arrival of a new cloth.

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A history is attached to our accumulation of old slate, which the writer wishes to impress upon the reader.

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Originally the table was bought by our Officers in Germany. After about a year's possession they graciously presented it to the Corporals' Club.

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Early in 1926, it travelled from Cologne to Ireland, and sustained a broken slate, which the Pioneer Serjeant patched to his satisfaction.

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It is the same length as an English table, but unfortunately is four inches wider, and is equipped with only three slates instead of the usual six.

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Therein lies our trouble.

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Owing to its unusual size it has been impossible to obtain a cloth to cover the table, and we are now compelled to seek the aid of the N.A.A.F.I. in Germany to obtain one for us.

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Three months have elapsed and the table still remains a sight of ruin.

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Wonderful concrete foundations have been laid for the table to stand on, and several members have spent hours (nay days) practising for the handicaps, etc., they hope to win when the table is righted.

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A good many of our members are now in Belfast, where they are attached to the D.L.I. until the N.I.D. " Torchlight Tattoo " is over.

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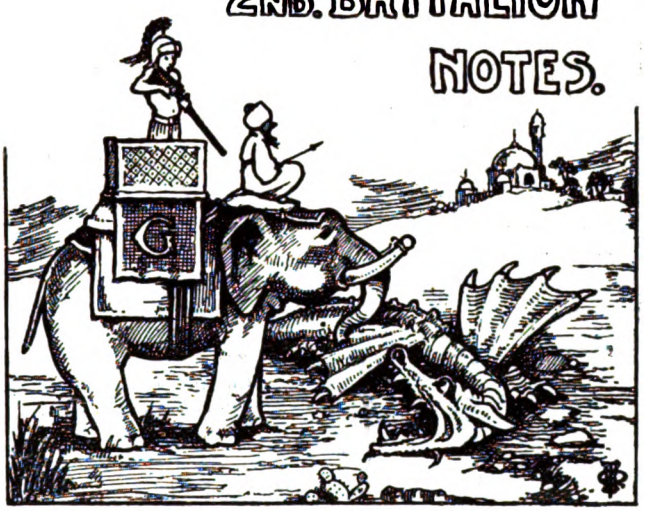
Their only moan is " No early tea in this benighted place."

2ND. BATTALION NOTES.



CHERAT,

June, 1927.

" STAND BY MOHMAND " is this month's beautiful thought.

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For some weeks reports of hordes of Mohmands hovering on the border had served to keep us expectant. Finally a report that 15,000 tribesmen had raided friendly villages over the border, and were about to descend on the military posts of Michni and Shabqadar, set us all to a study of Scheme " B."

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Peshawar sent out a mechanised force to the scene of probable action, whilst the Peshawar and Nowshera Brigades sent out the order " Stand by Mohmand ! "

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Five signallers under Lce.-Cpl. Jackson, four stretcher-bearers, Sjt. Grace, Sjt. Baker, Sjt. Chapman and Lieuts. Grimley and Martin, went down in cars to Nowshera for " the war." They went down in high spirits, all armed to the teeth and fingering their left coat lapels self-consciously.

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Unfortunately for their hopes of fame, these 15,000 tribesmen (actually some 1,500, allowing for the usual deduction of 90 % from local estimates), were dispersed by our intrepid airmen, who bombed and machine-gunned them to good effect, causing some thirty casualties.

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Colonel Kershaw, as G.S.O.I. Peshawar District, had a large finger in this Mohmand pie (metaphorically, of course ; perhaps we should have said " active finger "). Our Brigade Commander, Colonel Muspratt, was acting District Commander at the time. The immediate result of the disappointment of our con-

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tingent was a concerted poem, adapted from "Strew on her Roses, Roses." It started like this—

"To Hell with the Mohmand, Mohmand,
And eke the Suzafrai."

Except for a line having to do with a vintage which "bubbles with foam and ——" we regret that the remainder is unprintable. A pity because the rhyming was superb.

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To return to our doings on what has been described as "this gloomy crag," it is astonishing how cool it has been up here. It has never been hot for more than two days at a time, and the nights are nearly always cool. After a hot day, a strong wind almost invariably blows up towards evening and clears the air. It is nearly July, and we've suffered no discomfort yet.

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Cherat has lately come into its own as a home of the Charleston. It is not only in London that the dancing fan can dance night after night and go on gaily from one dance to another close by.

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Battalion Dances take place every Friday, and each Company holds about one Dance a month. At the first H.Q. Wing Dance up here spot-light waltzes were introduced, with excellent effect. However, now dances do not stop at Company Dances, for last week the Drums cleared out their spacious barrack-room and held a very successful and cheery Dance, with their own jazz band.

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The Signallers are now going to hold a Dance to celebrate their winning of the Champion Platoon lanyards. There is a rumour that the Orderly Room Staff have asked for permission to hold a Dance in the Orderly Room in the near future. We wonder if eventually the dance habit will extend to the Guard-room and even the detention-room.

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As well as Dances, we have an excellent cinema up here, run by Sandal, the contractor. To the great delight of the Officers, he has a strong partiality for dramas of the Wild West.

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While we are on the subject of amusement, it is interesting to note that a new game has supplanted the cross-word puzzle. This is the mosquito net game. It is played in a dark barrack-room, the object being to count the number of holes. Coupons have to be forwarded to the higher medical authorities. The results have not yet been published.

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On Saturday, 28th May, Colonel Kershaw came up to visit us. We were glad to see him looking so much fitter. The hot weather in Peshawar seems to agree with him.

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On 31st May, Major Foster left us to go on two months' fishing leave in Kashmir. He was joined there by his son, who has been enduring some of the lesser hardships of life in Simla. News has already come to hand that sport is good, Major Foster having landed a 3½ lb. trout and Kingsley a bear. Whether this means that Kingsley landed the bear "a dough-boy," or caught him fairly on hook and line, has not yet been divulged.

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Capt. and Mrs. Plummer have gone for a holiday to Murree.

A wave of heat over Cherat led to a neglect of these notes. To-day is mail-day. The Stop-Press news is as follows :—

On Thursday last Colonel Muspratt, our Brigade-Commander, came up to pay us a visit. That night he inspected the Signallers' Dance, and was an interested spectator of the Charleston competition (soldiers only).

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The Dance was a great success, and we were all amazed at the proficiency of our Charleston experts. The competition was judged by Mrs. Phipps, our Doctor's wife, and Mr. Tarleton. Lce.-Cpl. Nicholls and Fus. Murphy were awarded the first prize, and two of the R.C.O.S. the second. The "special lighting effect" was excellently done, and the spot-light waltzes were remarkable for the many and different coloured spot-lights. We wonder what the Quartermaster will have to say to the next indent for cells, electric, "S" type.

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We have just heard the full explanation of the late "Mohmand War," mentioned in earlier paragraphs.

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The disturbance was due to the Fagir of Ahmgahr, who in a moment of ennui decided to start a Jehad (Holy War). Raising a following of 400 men of Bajaur, he set off for the nearest British posts.

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Now, the Hajji of Tarangzai is a righteous man, who appreciates the value of keeping on the right side of the Sirkar. At the same time the thought of a Holy War led by any man but himself was repugnant to him, so he also raised a lashkar of Baczais, Knwaizais, and a few Afghans, in all about 1,000 men, and sallied forth to meet the upstart Fagir, with the intention of either persuading him to return home or surrendering the direction and command of the religious army to himself.

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The result was that, like the old black bull, they both came down from the mountain, only to be discomfited by our airmen. So much for the Holy War.

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Our congratulations to Capt. and Quartermaster J. H. Maynard on his promotion. He is at present on leave in Kashmir with Mrs. Maynard and the children. We hear with regret that he has not been in the best of health.

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Mr. Hanmer left us early in the month to join the 11th (P.A.V.O.) Cavalry in Sialkot. We wish him the best of luck in his Regiment, and hope that he will often come to see us. We hope also that we shall one day see him representing the Army in India at polo.

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At the moment we have quite a large representation in the Peshawar Swimming Sports. We hope to be able to record one or two prize-winners in next month's notes.

SERJEANTS' MESS NOTES.

After a somewhat lengthy period of silence we again make our appearance, with due apologies to everyone concerned. The strenuous times through which we have passed, is put forward as an excuse, feeble as it is.

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Firstly we must offer our congratulations to our Provost-Serjeant, Sjt. Davey, on his wedding, which took place last

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month in England, where he is evidently enjoying his hard-earned furlough. Nevertheless we wish him the best of fortune in his married life.

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In addition to Sjt. Davey, a number of members have gone home on leave—*viz.*, Sjts. Brace, Jackson, Springate, Rutherford and Ashton; whilst C.Q.M.S. Goodfellow, by all accounts, is enjoying himself roaming around the wilds of Scotland.

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"D" Company having gone to Khanspur, in the Murree Hills, which place apparently has ideal climatic conditions for musketry, if nothing else, "C" Company remaining at Nowshera, the numbers in the Mess here in Cherat are rather depleted. However, we have a very cheery Mess, and in conjunction with the Warrant Officers and Serjeants' Club, very capably run by O.R.Q.M.S. Willson, some very pleasant functions have been organised. The W.O.'s and Serjeants' Club is a new departure, and has turned out to be a success. This is a Station Club used by the 1st Bn. K.O.Y.L.I. and ourselves for tennis dances, etc.

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Several hockey and football matches have been arranged between the Serjeants' Mess, K.O.Y.L.I. and ourselves, of which we hold the advantage.

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A hockey match between the W.O.'s and Serjeants and the rest of the Battalion was played. "The Rest" proved too strong, lowered our colours to the tune of 4 goals to 2.

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Two arrivals in the Mess this month are Sjt. Leeder, who rejoins the Battalion after a tour of duty of about five years with the Calcutta Battalion A.F.I.; and Sjt. Keith, who has returned for a month's refresher from the Agra Battalion. Both, one is pleased to see, looking in the best of health.

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Sjts. Cosgrove, V.C., Earl and Higgins have left us, having been posted as Staff Serjeants to the Burma Rifles.

"D" COMPANY DETACHMENT NOTES.

KHANSPUR,
June, 1927.

Musketry and Sport have engaged practically the whole of our attention in Khanspur. The first Rifle Party, consisting of 47 men, have completed Table "R," with a high average of 94 points, and left us with only one third-class shot. Twenty-eight Lewis Gunners averaged 162 points in Table "L," which is easily a record for the Battalion. At the present moment a further 50 Riflemen and 8 Lewis Gunners are about to commence the tables, and with this party completed we hope to change tactics from Kud climbing and early rising to a more moderate form of training.

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On the 3rd June, the Company paraded as part of the Garrison for the celebration of the King's Birthday. The parade was taken by Major E. H. Baxter. Units represented were "E" Battery, R.H.A., 5/6th Dragoons, and "D" Company, 5th Fusiliers. At the conclusion of the parade each Detachment marched past by Troops and Platoons.

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There has been a terrific glut of sport. Children's sports have been very entertaining and provided good fun for the men. In friendly football games we beat "E" Battery, R.H.A., by 5—0, but in turn we were beaten by the Regimental team of the 4/7th Dragoons from Ghora Dhaka by 4—2. The winners played very fine football, their ball control being perfect, and they were as fine a combination as we have seen.

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The following are the results, up to date, in connection with the Garrison Inter-Platoon Football Knock-out. :—

1st Round.

No. 13 Platoon beat "B" Team 4/7th Dragoons, 2—0.
No. 14 Platoon beat "I" Squadron, 4/7th Dragoons, 7—0.

KING'S BIRTHDAY PARADE, KHANSPUR.
PLATOONS OF "D" COMPANY MARCHING PAST.

No. 15 Platoon lost to "A" Team 4/7th Dragoons, 0—1.
No. 16 Platoon lost to "A" Team 5/6th Dragoons, 0—1.

2nd Round.

No. 13 Platoon beat No. 14 Platoon, 3—0.

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The Inter-Platoon Championship in the Company for the Colonel Platt Cup has been in full swing. The "B" Football League has been won by No. 15 Platoon, whilst, after tremendous excitement and great keenness, in which all former pitmen champions have appeared, No. 14 Platoon won the Quoit League. No. 13 Platoon, assisted by Major Baxter, beat both Nos. 14 and 16 Platoons in the Cricket League, whilst No. 15 Platoon defeated No. 16 Platoon, but are themselves behind on the first innings in an unfinished game with No. 14 Platoon.

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Probably the greatest draw in Khanspur this season has been the Company Inter-Platoon Novices' Boxing in connection

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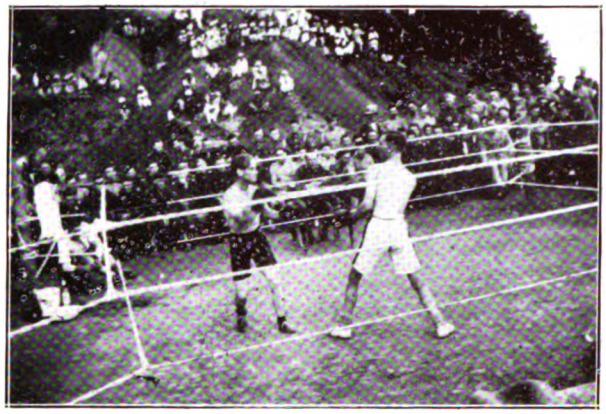
with the Platoon Championship. Four Special Contests were staged with the best boxers at their weights in the district,



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"D" COMPANY, INTER-PLATOON NOVICES' BOXING.—SPECIAL CONTEST.
TPR. MCCALLA, 5TH/6TH DRAGOONS, *v.* FUS. MCMULLEN, "D" COY.

and the class of fighting produced so much enthusiasm that a "gate" charge for visitors at the open-air ring produced a nice round sum, which was regarded as testimony of the appreciation of all ranks of the various Units who visited the Tournament.

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The spirit shown in the Ring, both by novices and experienced boxers, was worthy of the highest traditions of the FIFTH, and was keenly remarked upon by all and sundry. Contests between the Indian Conservancy Staff of Units in Khanspur produced abundant hilarity, and were an excellent wind up to each night's programme.

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Twelve bouts were staged on the first night. Amongst these, those worthy of special comment were the contests between Cpl. Hills (No. 15 Platoon) and Fus. Simmons (No. 16 Platoon), and Fus. McRoberts (No. 15 Platoon) and Fus. McCracken (No. 16 Platoon). Hills was down four times in the first round. He received terrible punishment, particularly from body blows, but got up each time to fight on. In the second round he was again sent down twice, and eventually, half unconscious, was helped away from the ring. The spirit was applauded with deafening cheers. Simmons, who eventually went on to win the weight, showed great promise.

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The contest between McRoberts and McCracken was a hard hitting fight from the beginning to end. McRoberts showed visible trace of the hard going after the 1st Round, but despite this handicap he succeeded in lasting out the other two rounds, to lose against a good fighter.

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Ten fights were staged on the second night. Contests marked for grit and pluck were those between Fus. Crossland (No. 15 Platoon) and Fus. Medcalf (No. 16 Platoon), and Fus. Atkinson (No. 14 Platoon) and Fus. Revell (No. 14 Platoon). Crossland was the lighter man, but was possessed of any amount of pluck. He survived a number of hard blows to the head, and was a sorry sight after the first round. He still endeavoured to force the fighting, but gradually took more and more punishment. He was a very game loser.

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Atkinson and Revell fought practically toe to toe for the three rounds, and at the finish there was very little to choose between the men. The contest was put down as a "real pitmen's Derby," and was greatly relished.

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The finals were fought off on the third day, before a large assembly.

Bantam-Weight Final.—Fus. Medcalf (No. 16 Platoon) beat Lce.-Cpl. Proctor (No. 15 Platoon) on points. Medcalf proved too strong for Proctor. The latter avoided a lot of heavy efforts by clever foot work, but was gradually worn down to lose a good fight.

Feather-Weight Final.—Fus. Wynn (No. 14 Platoon) beat Fus. McCracken (No. 16 Platoon) on points. This was a fine contest. Wynn boxed beautifully, but McCracken was always forcing the fighting. Wynn's left was repeatedly in evidence, and this was continually landing on his opponent's face. He won the fight against a persistent fighter.

Light-Weight Final.—Fus. Simmons (No. 16 Platoon) beat Fus. Amers (No. 15 Platoon) in the first round. Simmons showed fine form throughout the series. He went in for hard hitting right throughout this contest, and was much too good for Amers.

Welter-Weight Final.—Fus. Nicholson (No. 14 Platoon) beat Fus. Atkinson (No. 14 Platoon) on points. Nicholson appeared to be the more polished boxer. Atkinson repeatedly ran into

Photo] [*Fus. Lough.*

"D" COMPANY INTER-PLATOON NOVICES' BOXING.
SPECIAL CONTEST.
TPR. FIELD, 5TH/6TH DRAGOONS, *v.* DMR. ANTCLIFFE.

straight lefts, and took a lot of punishment before losing the fight on points. Nicholson's form was inspiring.

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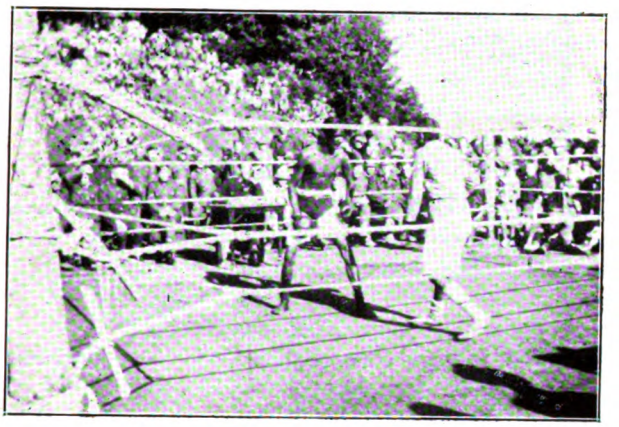
Middle-Weight Final.—Fus. Stephenson (No. 15 Platoon) beat Fus. O'Neill (No. 14 Platoon) in the first round. Hard hitting whilst it lasted. O'Neill was knocked out with a right to the jaw.



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"D" Coy. Inter-Platoon Novices' Boxing.—Dark Horse Contest.

Jack Johnson [Indian Cook, 5th/6th Dragoons] *v.* Sam Langford [Indian Sweeper, 5th Fusiliers].

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Special 4 Rounds Contests.

Bantam-Weight.—Tpr. McCalla (5/6th Dragoons) beat Fus. McMullen (5th Fusiliers) on points. A very close fight. McMullen employed a useful left but appeared to be tiring towards the close. McCalla was attacking most of the while, and as there was little to choose between the men the referee gave his decision in favour of McCalla.

Feather-Weight.—Dmr. Antcliffe (5th Fusiliers) beat Tpr. Field (5/6th Dragoons) in the second round. Antcliffe appeared to alter his usual style and adopted a crouching attitude. He sent his opponent twice to the floor in the first round with hefty rights to the head. The second round started off at a fast pace. Antcliffe took a nasty right, but cornered his man to send him down and out with a right swing.

Light-Weight.—Tpr. Lote (4/7th Dragoons) beat Fus. Wright (5th Fusiliers) on points. This was a brilliant contest. Lote was a boxer of great experience and fine record. From the sounding of the gong he forced the fighting, tearing in to fight at close quarters. Wright, who was a smaller man and weighed some 5 pounds lighter, was down twice in the first round. He got up to mix matters and to punish his opponent with blows to the head. In the second round, Lote again tore in. He seemed wonderfully fit and, as they fought toe to toe, Wright was again sent to the floor. After a count of 8 he got up to survive some merciless half-arm blows at close quarters. The third round saw Wright fighting hard with his old pluck. Lote was always close in, however, and although Wright delivered a number of hard rights he was always taking most of the punishment. He was again down in this round, but his fine spirit carried him through, and he survived. The last round saw Lote as strong as ever. Wright would not give in and fought it out toe to toe to lose to a very fine boxer, who was full of admiration for the pluck of his opponent. It was a wonderful example of grit against experience, and there was a fine appreciation at the finish.

Middle-Weight.—Sgnlr. Gray (R.C.O. Sigs.) beat Cpl. Palmer (5th Fusiliers) in the third round. Cpl. Palmer was fighting above his usual weight. Gray, considered by many competent judges to be the finest Middle-Weight in India, stripped beautifully. His wonderful records in this country stamp him as a champion, and this reputation he fully upheld in his contest with Cpl. Palmer. His hitting was beautifully clean and delivered with great force, whilst he was always prepared to take punishment in order to get in. A beautifully timed right to the head sent Palmer down in the first round. He got up to be sent down again with a similar blow. Although Palmer managed to land several lefts they seemed to make little impression on Gray. In the second round, Palmer was down again on two occasions. Gray was hitting with terrific force, and Palmer got up each time showered with applause. In the third round a body blow sent Palmer towards the floor, and as he was off his balance and before he touched the ground, Gray landed a beautifully timed left to the jaw and Palmer was counted out.

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Gray was very delighted with the reception given him by the Fifth, and said that he would come again to fight for no prize at all, as a token of his respect for the Regiment.

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At the conclusion of the Tournament, the prizes, and the Platoon Championship Novices' Boxing Cup won by No. 14 Platoon, were presented by Capt. Freer-Smith, 5/6th Dragoons, Commanding Khanspur, to whom three hearty cheers were given.

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Our thanks are due to Captain Misa (4/7th Dragoons), who refereed on the first night, and Capt. Edgeworth-Johnstone, who officiated on the remaining nights. Also to R.S.M. Tinnuci (5/6th Dragoons), S.S.M. Bennett (5/6th Dragoons) as Judges; and Sjt. Peters (5/6th Dragoons), Time-keeper. Their services were very much appreciated. The ring management and staging was in the hands of Cpl. Palmer, and was a great success.

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300 Yards Firing Point, Khanspur.

We must also thank Sjt. Holland (Wilts. Regt.), a many times champion, who has now over twenty-one years' service, for the

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exhibition spar with Fus. Cross. Holland says that this will be his last appearance in the ring, and we hope that the neat Cup presented to him by Fus. Cross will serve as a fitting memento to the close of a fine boxing career.

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PLATOON CHAMPIONSHIP, 1926/27.

INTER-PLATOON NOVICES' BOXING TOURNAMENT, HELD AT KHANSPUR ON 13TH, 14TH AND 15TH JUNE, 1927.

Middle-Weight.

Fus. O'Neill 14 / Fus. Stephenson 13 — Fus. Stephenson 15 (1st Round)

Welter-Weight.

Fus. Potts 13 / Fus. Atkinson 14 — Fus. Atkinson 14 (3rd Round)

Fus. Revell 14 / Fus. Hunter 15 — Fus. Revell 14 (1st Round)

Fus. Atkinson 14 / Fus. Revell 14 — Fus. Atkinson 14 (Points)

Fus. Whiteford 15 / Fus. Nicholson 14 — Fus. Nicholson 14 (Points)

Fus. Nicholson 14 / Lce.-Cpl. Watson 16 — Fus. Nicholson 14 (Points)

Fus. Atkinson 14 / Fus. Nicholson 14 — Fus. Nicholson 14 (Points)

Light-Weight.

Cpl. Hills 15 / Fus. Simmons 16 — Fus. Simmons 16 (2nd Round)

Lce.-Cpl. Lye 15 / Fus. Hastie 14 — Fus. Hastie 14 (Points)

Fus. Simmons 16 / Fus. Hastie 14 — Fus. Simmons 16 (1st Round)

Fus. Smith 16 / Fus. Fawcett 15 — Fus. Smith 16 (1st Round)

Fus. Amers 15 / Fus. Bowman 14 — Fus. Amers 15 (2nd Round)

Fus. Smith 16 / Fus. Amers 15 — Fus. Simmons 16 (1st Round)

Feather-Weight.

Fus. C. W. Smith 14 / Fus. Campbell 16 — Fus. Smith 14 (2nd Round)

Fus. McCracken 16 / Fus. McRoberts 15 — Fus. McCracken 16 (Points)

Fus. Weir 16 / L/C. Robinson 14 — L/C. Robinson 14 (3rd Round)

Fus. Waters 16 / Fus. Wynn 14 — Fus. Wynn 14

Fus. McCracken 16 / Fus. Wynn 14 — Fus. McCracken 16 (Points)

Fus. Wynn 14 / L/C. Robinson 14 — Fus. Wynn 14 (2nd Round)

Fus. McCracken 16 / Fus. Wynn 14 — Fus. Wynn 14 (Points)

Bantam-Weight.

Fus. Crossland 15 / Fus. Medcalf 16 — Fus. Medcalf 16 (Points)

L/C. Proctor 15 Bye — Fus. Medcalf 16 (Points)

Fus. Medcalf 16 / L/C. Proctor 15 — Fus. Medcalf 16 (Points)

POINTS.

(*Novices.*)	No. 13 Platoon	1
	No. 14 Platoon	31
	No. 15 Platoon	16
	No. 16 Platoon	23

Winners of the Novices' Boxing Cup—No. 14 Platoon.

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SPECIAL CONTESTS FOUGHT IN CONNECTION WITH THE ABOVE.

Bantam-Weight.

Winner.—Tpr. McCalla, 5/6th Dragoons.

Loser.—Fus. McMullen, "D" Company (Bantam-Weight Champion, 5th Fusiliers).

Light-Weight.

Winner.—Tpr. Lote, 4/7th Dragoons (Southern Command Feather-Weight Champion, 1924–25; Southern Command Light-Weight Champion, 1925–26).

Loser.—Fus. Wright, "D" Company.

Feather-Weight.

Winner.—Dmr. Antcliffe, 5th Fusiliers.

Loser.—Tpr. Field, 5/6th Dragoons.

Middle-Weight.

Winner.—Sgnlr. Gray, R.C.O. Sigs. (Northern Command Champion, 1926 and 1927; Runner-up, All India).

Loser.—Cpl. Palmer, "D" Company.

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EXHIBITION SPAR.

Winner.—Sjt. Holland, Wilts. Regt. (Feather-Weight Champion, South Africa, 1910; Light-Weight Champion, Malta and Mediterranean, 1913; Light-Weight Champion, Russian Expeditionary Force, 1919; Runner-up, Army Championship, Aldershot, 1920).

Loser.—Fus. Cross, "D" Company (Light-Weight Champion, 5th Fusiliers).

DEPÔT NOTES.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE,

25th July, 1927.

On Saturday, 16th, the 6th Bn. Northumberland Fusiliers (T.A.) held their Annual Sports on the 149th Infantry Brigade Ground at Byker, and some excellent events were witnessed. We entered a team for the Open Relay Race, and secured second place, thanks chiefly to the fine performance of C.S.M. Curtis, who ran exceedingly well. The Depôt Durham Light Infantry secured first place, and their team is to be congratulated on a very good effort. We missed Mr. Forbes-Watson, who last year ran the 880 yards. On that occasion we secured both first and second places.

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January Squad left us "en bloc" on the 19th to 26th for their week's leave before joining the 1st Battalion at the end of the month. They will leave here for Ireland on the 29th instant.

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Capt. Wombwell left us on the 2nd July to administer to the wants of the Senior Division O.T.C. at Ripon. He has our united sympathies! The weather is not what it might be?

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Capt. Arkwright has been away since 5th July on leave pending retirement. We take this opportunity of wishing both him and Mrs. Arkwright the very best of luck when they begin their new life in Rhodesia. It is sad to think that they must leave us so soon. For cricket alone, not to mention many other things, Captain Arkwright will be greatly missed by Northumberland, he has been closely associated with the County Cricket Club since his arrival here and has captained the side since 1924.

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Mr. Forbes-Watson left us on 13th July to return to the 1st Battalion. We wish him *bon voyage*, and hope it will not be long before he visits us again.

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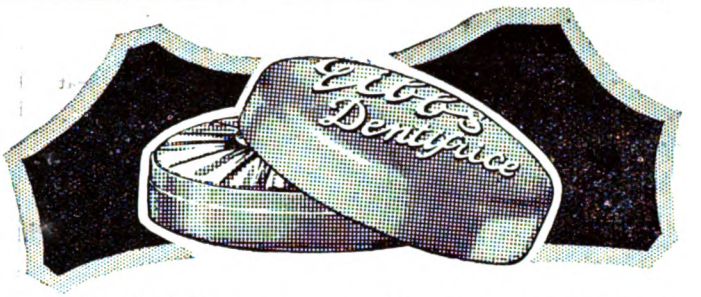

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Capt. Waight has been on leave since 16th July, and will return on 2nd August in time to go out to camp at Ponteland.

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We welcome Mr. Neville, of the 4th Battalion, who joined us on the 18th of July, to commence his month's initial Training.

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On Thursday, 21st July, the Garrison played the Borderers' XI. at Cricket, on the County Ground. The match was most interesting to watch, and though we cannot all claim to be cricketers we were only defeated by 4 wickets; a thunderstorm also did its best to make things uncomfortable, and eventually succeeded by preventing any further play at 4 p.m.

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The result of the match is given below:—

GARRISON XI.

Mr. P. Gardner, c sub., b Mortimer	24
Capt. C. Peto, c Dyer, b Sample	5
Col. Platt, b Sample	21
Mr. J. Galloway, b Mortimer	5
Capt. J. O. C. Hasted, st and b Sample	46
Mr. H. G. Norbury, b Mortimer	4
Mr. Crawhall, lbw, b Sample	12
Mr. B. T. G. Pringle, b Sample	2
S.M. O'Hara, c Wilkinson, b Skinner	4
Mr. G. Bunch, c Squance, b Skinner	1
Mr. J. C. Neville, not out	4
Extras	7
Total	135

BORDERERS XI.

G. L. Hunting, b Gardner	4
T. N. Sample, b Bunch	2
C. F. Stanger Legthes, c O'Hara, b Gardner	60
L. S. Dyer, c Peto, b Gardner	38
T. C. Squance, b Gardner	0
R. E. B. Mortimer, b Peto	0
E. L. D. Skinner, not out	41
W. P. H. Rushbrooke, c Hasted, b O'Hara	5
R. G. E. Mortimer, not out	8
B. Cruddas, G. E. Wilkinson } did not bat	
Extras	5
Total (for 7 wickets)	163

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

BORDERERS XI.

Sample	44 for 5 wickets.
Squance	27 for 0 wickets.
Mortimer	42 for 3 wickets.
Skinner	15 for 2 wickets.

GARRISON XI.

Bunch	19 for 1 wicket.
Gardner	71 for 4 wickets.
Peto	30 for 1 wicket.
Galloway	30 for 1 wicket.
O'Hara	22 for 1 wicket.
Pringle	2 for 0 wickets.

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We were very glad to see Col. Cruddas and Col. Rushbrooke, who were both playing for the Borderers, much to our disgust.

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The Borderers dined with us the same evening, and many a young eye glistened (?) when listening to the doughty deeds performed in bygone days by those of us who have spent some 50 or 60 seasons on this old earth. We are looking forward very much already to our match next year.

The undermentioned have been awarded Certificates of Education, as stated:— .

Second Class.—No. 4265518 Fus. J. R. Craig, No. 4265500 Fus. W. Graham (dated 30/6/27).

Third Class.—No. 2652546 Fus. T. Dobie, No. 4265667 Fus. E. Dury, No. 4265087 Fus. T. Golightly, No. 4265688 Fus. J. Henderson, No. 4265078 Fus. J. Herring, No. 1027098 Fus. J. Stobbart, No. 4255055 Fus. T. Wallace, No. 4265679 Fus. W. Watson (dated 30/6/27).

4TH (T.A.) BATTALION NOTES.

NEWBURN-ON-TYNE,
26th July, 1927.

The chief events of the second week in camp were the Brigade Football Competition, an account of which is below, and a farewell dinner to Major-General F. A. Dudgeon, C.B., at Harrogate, on Thursday, 30th June.

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"X" Company are to be congratulated upon winning the Champion Company Cup for the second year in succession. There is, however, no need for the unsuccessful companies to feel downhearted, as competition was very close and the first and the last were separated by a very narrow margin. In fact, at no time throughout camp could the order be predicted with any certainty.

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The Battalion returned home on 3rd July, after a most satisfactory camp, in spite of the weather conditions, which were abominable, but might have been worse, judging from the accounts in the *Yorkshire Herald*, picturing the plight of our successors in a completely flooded camp.

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It is regretted that the Battalion Rifle Meeting, which should have been held at Ponteland on 31st July, has had to be abandoned owing to lack of funds. It has been decided to award the various Challenge Cups on the results of the Association Rifle Meeting, which was held at Whitsuntide.

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C.S.M. G. W. Sparrow was discharged on 13th July, 1927; he has served since the re-forming of the Battalion in 1920, as C.Q.M.S. to "X" and "W" Companies and C.S.M. to the latter. His previous service was with the Durham Light Infantry, in which he had 22 years' Regular Army Service.

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Sparrow has gone to try his luck in Canada, and we wish him every success. He will be missed by the Shooting Teams and all those who took interest in shooting in the Battalion.

THE 149TH BRIGADE FOOTBALL COMPETITION.

In the first round of the Brigade Football Competition, we were drawn against the 5th Battalion, whom we succeeded in beating just on time after a most exciting but somewhat scrappy game, the score being 3—2. The grass on the field being about 8 inches long, both teams found it a little difficult to control the ball, but the football was of a very high standard considering the difficult conditions under which it was played.

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In the finals we met the 7th Bn., and both teams at once showed that they had profited by their previous experience of

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playing in a hayfield, and our team did surprising things with the ball, their passing and combination, considering the state of the ground and the fact that it was but the second time they had played together as a team, being surprisingly good.

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We led off with the first goal, and shortly after drew ahead with a second.

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On resuming after half-time the 7th Battalion scored from a penalty, and shortly after were awarded another penalty, which failed, thanks to the efforts of Cpl. Turner in goal.

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For a while the 7th took command of the game, and the issue appeared somewhat in doubt, but thanks to good work on the part of our backs and goalkeeper, further scoring was avoided.

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About five minutes from time, Cpl. March brought off a magnificent shot from about the half-way which snicked the under side of the cross bar and went into the goal, thus making us the winners by 3—1.

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A feature of the game was the play of the opposing goal-keepers, both of whom saved on several occasions what appeared to be certain goals.

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The team was as follows :—

Cpl. W. Turner.
Fus. J. Weddle. Cpl. R. March.
Fus. J. Bowles. Fus. Schollick. Fus. R. Rewcastle.
Fus. G. Stones. Fus. J. Watts. Fus. R. Teasdale. Fus. J. Gray.
Lce.-Cpl. Tiffin.

PRUDHOE DETACHMENT NOTES.

We have to welcome Mr. H. H. Beall, posted to " Z " Company on first appointment. Unfortunately he had little opportunity of getting to know us before going to camp. This state of affairs is now being remedied, however.

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In having 116 all ranks in camp for Annual Training, the Company has put up its best show, from the strength point of view, since the re-construction of the Territorial Army.

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Unfortunately we were unable to secure the Champion Company Cup from " X " Company, but have some satisfaction in sharing the Adjutant's Cup with " Y " Company. We have a feeling that certain other trophies will change hands at the Battalion Rifle Meeting on 31st July, but prefer to say nothing further on this matter just now. We are keeping our dark horses in total obscurity until the meeting.

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We wish to congratulate Cpl. W. Wilson, No. 15 Platoon, on gaining highest points in the Battalion during the Section Leaders examination, carried out by Brigade during camp.

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The average marks obtained by the Company in this examination being 64.3 % based on establishment, and 76.4 % based on numbers attending.

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Unfortunately Lce.-Sjt. Yielder and Cpls. Greenwood, Fenwick and Watson were unable to attend, owing to Brigade duties. The moral for O.C.'s Companies is obvious for future occasions, ii they are unlucky enough to be the duty Company of the duty Battalion on the day of the examination, they should put their best N.C.O.'s on the examination and the others on duty (there seems to be a snag about it somewhere).

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Whilst on the topic we must congratulate No. 15 Platoon on being the first in the Battalion list, and pass a vote of censure on No. 16 Platoon for being last !

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We hear rumours of a large increase in the strength of the Hexham Detachment next year—we hope they are correct, the only fly in the ointment would be difficulties of training a large number of recruits at Hexham, rather than Prudhoe—however, it is no use seeing troubles before they arise.

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As is usual after camp, several members of the Company have joined the Regular Army and also the Navy. We wish them the best of luck in their new life.

BOOK OF THE CHRONICLES OF BENJAMIN THE RULER.

(Translated from the original manuscript.)

I.

1. And it came to pass in the sixth month and on the nineteenth day of the month, that Benjamin, the ruler of the King's host, came unto the land of the Riponites and pitched on the banks of the River Ure and tarried there fifteen days.

2. And he took his army and divided them into five companies and numbered them by the river bank.

3. And Hairiboam, the ruler of Haltwissel, made he captain over the first company, and Nobi the Prudlad and Rolo the son of Woodpah and Charliash and Gibsegil also made he captains over the companies.

4. And those that were numbered of the company of Hairiboam were fourscore and ten men.

5. And of the company of Nobi were fourscore and ten men.

6. And the company of Rolo were fourscore and ten men.

7. And of the company of Charliash were fourscore and ten men.

8. And of the company of Gibsegil were umpteen score men, including hewers of wood and drawers of water and she-asses and camels.

9. And one Obradlai the Hexamite was chief of all the captains, and Phria the son of Paphria was a Counsellor, a wise man and a scribe.

10. And on the twenty-seventh day of the month Benjamin the ruler rose up early in the morning and gathered unto him all his captains and people of war, as was his custom, and passed over the River Ure unto the land of the Maribubites.

11. Then were the hearts of the dwellers of that land discomforted within them by reason of the hosts of Benjamin the ruler, and the prancings of his mighty ones, and they were dismayed.

12. And when Benjamin the ruler and the captains of his host came to the borders of the Maribubites they lifted up their eyes, and lo ! a hatless horseman followed hard after them.

13. Then Nobi the Prudlad told Benjamin the ruler, saying, the riding is like the riding of Maklelophat the son of Beershi, for he rideth furiously.

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14. And Benjamin the ruler said unto Maklelophat the son of Beershi, " Is it ease ? " and Maklelophat the son of Beershi made answer, saying, " Perdition take the son of Woodpah ! What ease have I ! seeing that I must ride his horse and labour for him," and he passed on murmuring within himself.

15. And Benjamin the ruler put the battle in array and prevailed against the enemy all that day.

II.

1. And there went forth a wind from the East and laid low the tents of those that were round about the camp, as it were a day's journey on this side and as it were a day's journey on

the other side, so that they were spread abroad round about the camp two cubits high upon the face of the earth.

2. But the tents of Benjamin the ruler stood firm upon the ground and the wind prevailed not against them.

3. And upon the twenty-ninth day of the month there was darkness upon the land, and the sun shone not upon the tents of the hosts of Benjamin. Then were the people troubled and their hearts waxed faint.

4. And it came to pass that the heaven was black with clouds and there was a great rain, and the waters prevailed exceedingly upon the earth.

5. And one Ozzi the Kardog rose up before it was daylight and went among the tents in the midst of the camp and comforted the men of the host of Benjamin and put new spirit into them, but when they arose in the morning, behold they were all as dead corpses.

6. And the fame of Benjamin the ruler waxed great, and his name was noised abroad throughout all lands.

7. Now the rest of the acts of Benjamin the ruler, and how that he feasted the Princes Cop and Jos, who came from a far country, and how that he and his captains and the men of his companies robbled round the land of the Riponites, and all that they did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the people of Ripon.

8. And the land had rest many days.

5TH (T.A.) BATTALION NOTES.

WALKER-ON-TYNE,

July, 1927.

Luck seems right against us—last year no Camp, this year a Camp, but what a Camp ! Drowned by rain, blown by wind and blown also by high explosive. The Camp, perched on the bank of the River Ure, had a dampish aspect at the best of times, and after three or four days of rain the ground became a swamp ; we only left this swamp just in time, as the whole Camp came under water a day or two after we left. A gale of great ferocity attacked us on one day, and many tents took to the air. A practice " demolition " heaved quantities of concrete over the Officers' lines and tore holes in the Mess tent and upset a tea-party who were operating therein. A good deal of useful training was carried out, in spite of the weather, but the fact that there was no Camp last year made itself manifest in numerous ways, and we felt at the end that we had not yet begun.

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The most successful day, from a training point of view, was a Battalion attack, which was carried out remarkably well.

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Numerous night assaults were carried out on the fortress of Harrogate, the troops being carried to the " forming up " positions by mechanical transport, in keeping with modern thought. The " Kursaal," " Grand " and " George " centres of resistance in the town were repeatedly assaulted, but were never quite overcome. We trust the 49th Division will complete the good work. A late Canteen was provided in Camp for the use of troops participating in these assaults, and became known as the " 62 Bar."

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Captain Newstead, from the 1st Battalion, was attached to us for a week—he is taking over from our Adjutant in October. What he thought of the Territorial Army, we don't know, but we don't think his " sleep chart " showed a higher average of oblivion than ours did.

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Great tactical keenness was shown by Company Commanders, as the following true story will show :—

Scene—Adjutant's tent, at 6 a.m.

Enter keen Company Commander : " Sorry to disturb you, but you might give me a few points for to-day's scheme—what shall I put down ? "

Sleepy voice from Adjutant's bed : " You put down all gambling in the lines. You put down all bad language within hearing. You put down all drunkenness and any other unseemly conduct. What's the time ? "

" Six o'clock."

" Good Lord ! you've woken me up in the middle of my night's sleep."

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19 Officers and 475 Other Ranks marched into Camp—the lowest we have ever been, chiefly due to the cancellation of the bounty.

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It was both our Brigade Commander's and our Divisional Commander's last Camp, and we shall all be very sorry to lose them. The Brigade gave a farewell dinner to the Divisional Commander—Major-General F. A. Dudgeon, C.B., at Harrogate during Camp. The Brigade Commander's dinner will take place later.

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Quiet has fallen now, and little military activity will be noticed for some time.

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6TH (T.A.) BATTALION NOTES.

ST. GEORGE'S DRILL HALL,
NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE,
25th July, 1927.

Our last notes, which were hastily sent off from camp, concluded with a reference to the weather, and we may as well begin by saying that the weather continued atrocious until the morning we had to leave.

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In spite of this, we all rather enjoyed ourselves, and much useful training was done. The thing that pleased all of us was the way in which the recruits buckled to and dovetailed in with the more experienced soldiers.

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The result was that we got the Brigade Commander's chit :—
(a) For the best turned-out Battalion in the Brigade.
(b) For the neatest and cleanest lines.

The above, coupled with the fact that we had the best percentage for attendance in camp, had the best section leaders

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CAPT. DAWSON ("D" COY.), RECEIVING DUKE'S CUP.

in the Brigade Commander's examination, and won the Brigade Cross Country Cup, made us thoroughly pleased with ourselves and equally obnoxious to our friends in the other Battalions.

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The Brigade Cross Country Run was on Sunday, the 26th June, and we won by 35 points, the position of the Battalions being :—

6th Battalion	.. .. ..	310 points.
4th Battalion	.. .. ..	285 ,,
7th Battalion	.. .. ..	144 ,,
5th Battalion	.. .. ..	81 ,,

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The first six men home were :—1, Lce.-Sjt. Fife, "A" Coy. ; 5, Fus. R. Ellison, "C" Coy. ; 7, Fus. J. Minniken, "A" Coy. ; 9, Fus. E. Merritt, "A" Coy. ; 10, Fus. A. G. Searll, "A" Coy. ; 14, Fus. J. Fairley, "A" Coy. Each of the above received a medal from the Brigade as representing the winning team.

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Sjt. Fife is a most beautiful runner, and is doing no end of good to Battalion sport in general.

We were not so successful in the Brigade Football Cup, being beaten by the 7th Battalion by 3 goals to love. The grounds

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available for football in camp were pathetic, and we never remember so little football being played, chiefly on account of the distance from camp. Surely a little staff work is possible by the powers-that-be, but we had better not get on to the subject of straffing higher authority :—(1) because it is *not* done ; (2) that *if done* it is much better to do it *in personam* with the men that matter ; (3) that it might introduce the question of socks and Army boots, and if there is anything more likely to make a Territorial see red it is the asinine policy of asking men to wear Army boots and not supply the socks to wear with them.

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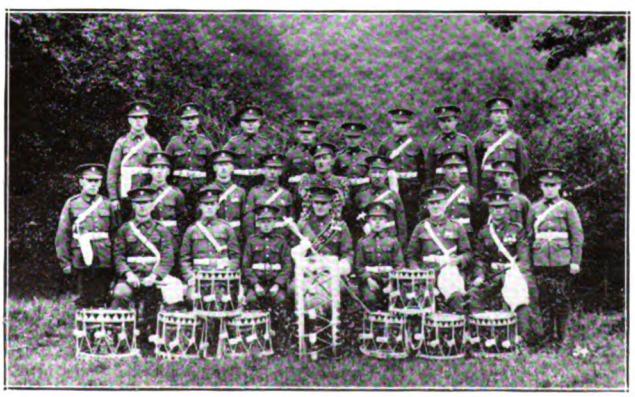
Coming down to Battalion sport, "B" Company won the Football Cup and "D" Company won both the Duke of



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THE DRUMS.

Northumberland's Cup and Worsley Gough Cup, thus becoming Champion Company for 1927.

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Hearty congratulations to Capt. Dawson and his merry men. He had a fine "all round" Company, and had worked hard to achieve his ambition. The other four Companies were very little behind, and there should be a great struggle for premier place next year.

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"B" Company won the Musketry Cup, and "A" Company the Winter Training Cup.

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On Sunday, 26th June, we had several visitors to lunch, after the Church Parade in Ripon Cathedral, including the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Newcastle-upon-Tyne (Capt. A. W. Lambert, M.C., and Mrs. Lambert), the Sheriff and Lady Sheriff (Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Dalgleish), the Mayor and Mayoress of Ripon, Mrs. A. D. S. Rogers and Master and Miss Rogers, Mr. J. E. Dawson, Mrs. Frank Dawson, Mrs. Robert Stephenson and Miss Joan Stephenson, Mrs. Thorp, Miss Wilkinson, Mr. R. R. Wedderburn (Lord Mayor's Secretary), and many others. Unfortunately the day was vile, but the visit of the civic chiefs was much appreciated by all ranks,

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FIELD KITCHEN.

and the interest taken in our doings this year by the City fathers is already bearing forth good fruit.

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We much regret to record the death, during camp, of Capt. Hammond, Royal Engineers, caused by a fall from his horse; and Fus. Simpson, of the 7th Battalion, by accidental drowning. Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to both these Units, and our admiration to the 7th Battalion for the conduct of their would-be rescuers, who maintained, by their actions, the highest traditions of their own Battalion and the Regiment.

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We were pleased to have as visitors during camp, Col. Sir Francis Blake, Bart., C.B. (Chairman), and Capt. A. L. Napier, O.B.E., D.L. (Secretary), of the Northumberland Territorial Association; also Col. J. J. Gillespie, T.D., Major Robert Temperley, O.B.E., T.D., D.L., and Capt. F. E. Clayton, M.C., and Mrs. Clayton.

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Since our return from camp, our energies have been occupied with the organisation of the Battalion Sports, which took place on the 16th July, on the 149th Brigade Sports Ground at Byker.

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The Sports were a great success, and "C" Company won the Cup with 81 points. The next were "A" Company 54 points and "B" Company 52 points. Mrs. Rogers, wife of the Commanding Officer, kindly gave away the prizes at the close of the proceedings, which concluded with the playing of "God Save the King" by the Battalion Band under W. A. Crosse, B.M.

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The following are the results :—

100 *Yards.*—1, Lce.-Cpl. Hugh; 2, Lieut. Gardner; 3, Fus. Jobe.

Half Mile.—1, Sjt. Fife; 2, Lieut. Gillespie; 3, Lieut. France.

Sack Race.—1, Lce.-Cpl. Clark; 2, Cpl. Potts.

440 *Yards.*—1, Lieut. Gardner; 2, Sjt. Fife; 3, Fus. Hugh.

Open Relay.—1, Depôt D.L.I.; 2, Depôt N.F. ("A" Team).

Recruits' Half Mile Race.—1, Fus. Scarll; 2, Fus. Fairley; 3, Fus. Storey.

High Jump.—1, Capt. Rutherford; 2, Fus. Hugh; 3, Fus. Jobe. The winner jumped 4 ft. 10 in.

One Mile.—1, Sjt. Fife; 2, Fus. R. Ellison; 3, Fus. Tomlinson.

Ladies' Race.—1, Mrs. Anderson; 2, Mrs. Dumbreck.

Obstacle Race.—1, Fus. Hughes; 2, Lce.-Cpl. Berkley; 3, Lce.-Cpl. Beckett.

220 *Yards.*—1, Lieut. Gardner; 2, Cpl. Fife; 3, Fus. Hugh.

Tug-of-War.—1, "C" Company; 2, H.Q. Wing.

Long Jump.—1, Fus. Wilkinson; 2, Capt. Rutherford; 3, Lieut. Gardner. The winner jumped 16 ft. 4½ in.

Hurdles.—1, Lieut. France; 2, Lce.-Cpl. Berkley; 3, Fus. Jobe.

Girls' Race (*under* 10 *years*).—1, Patricia Sargent; 2, Winnie Hall.

Girls' Race (10 *to* 15 *years*).—1, Edith Badger; 2, Katie Robinson.

Boys' Race (*under* 10 *years*).—1, Norman Henderson; 2, Willie Batey.

Boys' Race (10 *to* 15 *years*).—1, Robert McFadden; 2, Fred Brown.

Relay Race.—1, "A" Company; 2, "C" Company.

Consolation Race (220 *yards*).—1, Fus. Fisher; 2, J. Hughes.

Band Race.—1, Fus. Timney; 2, Fus. Badler.

The Warrant Officers and Serjeants beat the Officers in Tug-of-War.

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Owing to the weather very little boxing could be indulged in, but a Novices' Competition took place in three Weights, of which the following were the winners of medals :—

112 *lbs. to* 120 *lbs.*—Fus. A. Bell, "A" Coy.
120 *lbs. to* 130 *lbs.*—Fus. W. S. Hartley, "C" Coy.
130 *lbs. and over.*—Fus. J. Dixon, "C" Coy.

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Fus. Gullon and Fus. Lonergan also gave an exhibition match, which was very much appreciated. Fus. Gullon, as the

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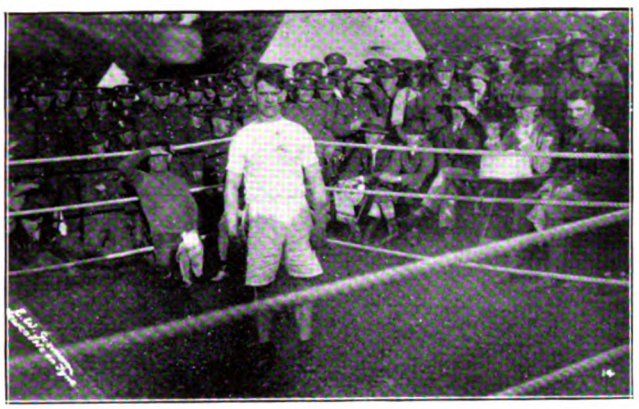
winner of the Fly-Weight Territorial Championship of Great Britain (photo herewith), was given a great reception, and he



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FUS. GULLON.

WINNER OF TERRITORIAL FLY-WEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP OF GREAT BRITAIN.

undoubtedly is a very clever and pertinacious performer.

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A few photos by Mr. Gosman appear with these notes, and for the information of Old Fusiliers the snapshot of R.S.M. O'Hara trying to commit suicide was not due to his finding a set of braces crossed the wrong way on inspecting the Orderly Room Staff, but simply to demonstrate to the recruits "that old soldiers never die" even when they attempt to do so.

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As the writer is also committing suicide (matrimonially) it is doubtful whether these notes will appear again for some time. (Editor, *St. George's Gazette*: Why worry !)

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Hearty congratulations to Messrs. Gardner, France, Gillespie and Field, on being gazetted 1st Lieutenants.

7TH BATTALION NOTES.

ALNWICK,
25th July, 1927.

Another Camp has come and gone.

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In past years we have been very lucky as regards weather in camp, but unfortunately this year records a vastly different tale.

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Apart from the first two days and the latter part of the last day, we had a succession of various forms of evil elements that almost beggars description.

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First we had wind. A nice, gentle breeze, which began by filling our nostrils, eyes, ears, blankets, etc., with great quantities of a delightful type of sand that some of the Engineers were playfully tossing about in an attempt to make a road from the Officers' to the men's lines—then blew our canteen and two of the dining tents to ribbons, and next licked up the Officers' Mess tent. Perhaps the only consolation (if it can be so termed) was the fact that the Orderly Room was also a casualty, along with its typewriter, and the process on of "Products, Orderly Room"—or whatever the correct term is—ceased its hitherto unending stream for about an hour !

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For the rest of the time we had rain—plenty of it and to spare.

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Although we all felt somewhat sorry for ourselves on account of the weather, we were more particularly so for our Adjutant, Capt. R. Trenam, M.B.E., M.C., who has, since taking over the duties nearly two years ago, put in such a vast amount of work towards achieving efficiency in every possible way in camp. Last year there was no camp at all, so if possible he had re-doubled his efforts to make this year an outstanding success. But, as is natural, all efforts were launched in the expectation of fine weather, and it must have been more than disheartening for him to see the training programme altered or cancelled day after day.

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Perhaps the climax was the Brigade Commander's Inspection. It was wet, very wet, all morning, and the parade was put off no fewer than three times, and when the Battalion ultimately fell in the turn-out, although very good, was nothing like the best it could have been, granted a fine day.

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Better luck next year !

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We were very glad to have Mr. Forbes Watson with us again,

THE ABOVE PHOTOGRAPH SHOWS NO. 10 PLATOON OF "C" COMPANY—WINNERS OF THE BATTALION DRILL SHIELD.

RIPON CAMP, 1927.

also Mr. Crawhall, his successor. We trust they are both still surviving.

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We had a very good show in the Competition for the Battalion Drill Shield. Marks were awarded for various points, and "C" Company's No. 10 Platoon, commanded by Sjt. Guy, came out on top.

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The details are as follows:—

Company and Platoon	A. 4.	B. 6.	C. 10.	D. 16.
Numbers	60	90	90	50
Inspection	56	62	65	64
Drill	75	64	75	54
General	50	70	75	65
Total	241	286	305	233

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In the Brigade Commander's Inspection of Transport, the Seventh were awarded top marks, and we heartily congratulate Capt. Dargie, Sjt. Dodds, and all concerned for their most excellent turn-out.

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We also did very well in the Brigade Commander's examination of Section Leaders—Lce.-Sjt. Welsh being second in the Brigade, with 98 % of marks, with Cpls. W. Kay, C. Ross and J. Wood very good runners-up with 93 %, 92 % and 91 % respectively.

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In the Brigade Football Competition we beat the 6th Battalion in the first round, but lost to the 4th Battalion in the final.

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We got third place in the Brigade Cross Country Run.

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Strength to-day—20 Officers and 598 Other Ranks.

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Our biggest muster in camp was—18 Officers and 510 Other Ranks.

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On the whole, we had a remarkably good time of it—despite the unfavourable conditions.

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We deeply regret to have to announce the death of No. 4265140 Fus. R. Simpson, of "D" Company, who was accidentally drowned by falling into the River Ure, at Ripon, on 23rd June.

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Simpson was just a this year's Recruit. A fine, hefty lad, he was a keen Territorial soldier, and it is sad that his life should be thus cut short, at the early age of 18 years. But unfortunately we have no say in matters like this.

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The circumstances of Simpson's death brought out another exhibition of that spirit of sacrifice and heroism which pulled us through the war.

With some pals, he was kicking a football about near the Battalion Parade Ground, when the ball fell into the water. Simpson went after it, and in his efforts to recover it fell into the river, which was in flood. At this particular point the bank falls sheer for a few feet and the water was deep—about seven or eight feet, right up to the bank. Simpson being a non-swimmer was at once in difficulties.

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The alarm was given, and Sjt. T. Smailes, commanding No. 6 Platoon of "B" Company, who had his Platoon on parade, drilling and getting ready for the Drill Shield Competition on the morrow, immediately threw off his equipment and ran to the river and attempted to swim to Simpson's rescue.

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Meanwhile Cpl. W. Kay and Lce.-Cpl. B. A. Howell, of the same Platoon, dived in and attempted to rescue the now drowning man. Both actually got hold of him, but owing to the current and exhaustion they were unable to maintain their hold, and were eventually themselves rescued in an exhausted condition. Both became unconscious, and in Howell's case artificial respiration had to be applied immediately.

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In the meantime other men of the Platoon, *viz.*: Fusrs. F. McCarthy, G. Graham, J. Arkle, R. W. Bradley, J. H. Thornton and H. D. Kay, all fully clothed, and in some cases with their equipment on, without hesitation dropped into the water, in the hope of forming a human chain, but the water being out of their depth they too found themselves in difficulties, some being unable to swim.

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R.S.M. Dipper, D.C.M., who was a hundred yards away at the time, appreciating the situation, rushed for the ropes, life-buoy and boat hook, which were in his lines, and hurried to the scene of the accident. On arrival he found eight or nine men struggling in the water, and with no little difficulty he and others rescued these with the ropes.

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Fus. Simpson had by this time disappeared, and his body was not recovered until some time later.

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The body was conveyed back to his home at Berwick—escorted to the station by the whole of "D" Company and the Band—and there was laid to rest with full military honours, on Sunday, 26th June.

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Members of the Berwick Detachment not in camp turned out about thirty strong and from this party pall bearers were found.

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The Depôt K.O.S.B. provided a firing party, and a piper who played a lament at the grave side.

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Almost the whole population of Berwick also turned out.

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Our deepest sympathies are extended to the bereaved parents and members of his family. *Quo fata vocant.*

Editorial Notes.

THE OLD MILL HOUSE,
PRESTON CROWMARSH,
NEAR WALLINGFORD,
July, 1927.

We are now in a position to supply Bound Volumes for the following years:—1890, 1891, 1895, 1896, 1897, 1899, 1901, 1921, 1922, 1923, 1924 and 1926. 10/- each.

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We are publishing a series of short articles on "Rugger," the first of which appears in this issue.

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It is hoped that these articles may be a help to those who intend to take up Rugger during the coming season, and also to all those who played the game for the first time last season.

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The author (late Captain of Oxford and an English 2nd and 3rd International) asks me to say that his articles will deal with:—

2. Forwards in the "tight" and in the "loose."
3. The Outsides—attack and defence.

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The following *Gazettes* are at the Printers awaiting addresses, having been returned by the Post Office as undelivered owing to addresses being unknown:—

Mrs. Harcourt-Vernon
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Mrs. Henry Kilgour
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Lieut. W. P. Jones
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Mr. H. Peel
Mr. C. R. Smith
Mr. Walter Smith

Letters to the Editor.

HOLMLEIGH,
WALTON ST. MARY,
CLEVEDON.

To the Editor of "St. George's Gazette."

DEAR SIR,

In the 2nd Battalion Notes of June, 1927, it is stated that the 2nd Battalion Crest at Cherat was dated 1891-2. Is not this date incorrect? I think it was 1893—the 2nd Battalion was not in Cherat in 1891-2.

The difference may be slight, but I remember the great interest we all took in watching the carving of that crest under the initiation and personal superintendence of the late Col. Hart Dyke, then Commanding our Detachment in Cherat, which had Headquarters in Peshawar.

I should like to add that we carved our Regimental name and date of 1st and 3rd Battalions on a rock in Wynberg in 1903-4. I have photographs of both these carvings. A few of us, but not many, will remember these records of the Regiment. It would be interesting to know if there are other similar Regimental carvings on rock, and where.

Yours sincerely,
W. E. STURGES, *Colonel.*
13th July, 1927.

To the Editor of "St. George's Gazette."

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

As a constant reader, occasional contributor, and (you have alleged) very irregular subscriber to the *St. George's Gazette*, I should like to express the keen satisfaction that I derived from reading Mrs. Stopatome's letter in the June number.

For, the pleasant recollections I have of this year's Regimental Dinner had hitherto been marred by a certain anxiety about my old friend, Tom Stopatome. His reminiscences of the "dear dim days" had become so vivid by the end of the evening, that I had frankly feared that he might have been moved to forsake his "soul's mate" and "adolescent young," and to return to India, South Africa, or other haunt of his youth, by the last train from town. Mrs. Stopatome's assurance that he is once again safely caged with the nestlings has greatly relieved my mind.

There is a point about her proposal on which I am not completely satisfied. That is, whether the "trepidation" of old Tom Stopatome, on reading his wife's letter, did not exceed that of Mrs. Stopatome when she took up her pen to write it. So, before I give my vote, I should like to receive *his* confidential views on the matter.

For the rest, I should like to persuade your correspondent that the reason that so many schemes in these days fail to materialise is that the virtue of the scheme is so often only surpassed by the anxiety of its proposer that someone else should "run it."

Yours very truly,
BENEDICT BUNWORRY, *Major.*

NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS' OLD COMRADES' ASSOCIATION.

On 4th July, 1927, our two veterans who are resident at the Hospital, Mr. E. Harvey Chips and Mr. W. Walters, were the guests of Col. D. Sapte, and a very pleasant day was spent, a trip in his launch up the river having been arranged.

This has now become an annual function. Thanks must be accorded to Mr. A. W. Robinson for the help given this year.

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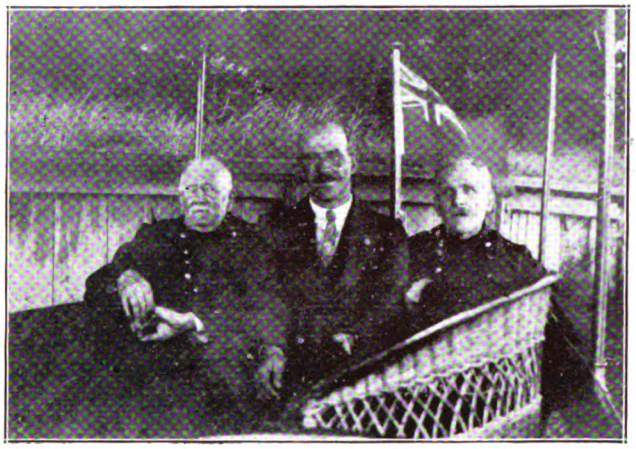
The Quarterly Meeting was held at Headquarters on Wednesday, the 6th July. Present:—Col. D. Sapte, Lt.-Col. C. P. Hawkes, Major G. L. F. Leverson, D.S.O., Major W. M. Allan, O.B.E., Capt. J. T. Rowland, and about 60 other Comrades.



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MR. E. HARVEY, MR. A. W. ROBINSON AND MR. W. WALTERS.

The Hon. Secretary reported that since the publication of the last roll of members (31/1/27), the membership had been increased by:—Officers 2, Other Ranks 17, Lady Members 14. Total membership now:—Officers 73, Other Ranks 187, Ladies 101 = total membership 360.

Since last quarterly meeting assistance had been obtained for 6 Comrades who were in poor circumstances.

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MR. E. HARVEY, COL. D. SAPTE, MR. W. WALTERS AND MR. H. I. MORGAN.

During the evening several more new members were enrolled. After the meeting a very pleasant evening was spent in the form of a Dance, there being upwards of 100 members and friends present.

ANNUAL RE-UNION DINNER, ARMISTICE NIGHT.

It has been decided to hold the Re-Union Dinner at the same rendezvous as last year, the Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate Street.

The Committee trust you will keep the date open, as a guarantee has been given for 200.

Full particulars will be published later.

H. I. MORGAN, *Hon. Secretary.*

MILITARY APPOINTMENT.

WAR OFFICE,

27th June, 1927.

Colonel W. St. A. Warde-Aldam, D.S.O., has been appointed to command the 149th Northumberland Infantry Brigade, Territorial Army, in succession to Colonel H. H. S. Morant, D.S.O. (dated 27th December, 1927).

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

I.—THE GAME.

The problem in endeavouring to condense the Game of Rugby Football into a short article is that of biting into a melon—the difficulty is to know where to begin. Nor do the authorities help one, for they all shirk the question and start in the middle of the subject, assuming a fairly intimate knowledge of the positions and duties of the various players. So I am left to my own resources and propose in this article to give a brief description of an imaginery game, commenting on the rules and their application as occasion arises, and leaving a discussion of the more subtle points for a later article.

For the kick-off the ball is placed on the centre line, and the two sides will be arranged by their captains in such a way that every likely eventuality is covered. Thus the side which is taking the kick will have its eight forwards (one of whom is probably the kicker) drawn up on the centre line to one side of the ball, and behind them the scrum-half with the fly-half a little to the inside (that is, away from the touch-line) of him. Behind the halves will be the four three-quarters roughly spaced across the field, and last of all the full-back ready to move one way or the other in case of an attack being started by the other side. Their opponents will have the forwards drawn up facing their opposite numbers, and ten yards at least back from the centre line. One or two may be called back a little behind the others to cover the space between the forwards and the outsides, who will be roughly arranged as in the case of the first side, though the scrum-half and wing three-quarter will stand on the touch line to prevent the ball bouncing into touch after it has been kicked off.

The player kicking off is faced with two alternatives, either he may take a long kick in the hopes that the ball will bounce into touch, or else he may give a short but high kick which will give his forwards time to get up under the ball before it pitches. The two things he must avoid are kicking it full-

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pitch into touch, or letting it pitch short of the line ten yards from the centre line. In both these cases any advantage derived from kicking off will be lost, as a scrum will be ordered on the centre line. For the moment we will suppose that he has made the fatal mistake of compromising and has kicked the ball about twenty yards diagonally up the field, where it is caught by one of the opposing halves, who passes it behind him to a three-quarters, who should run with it but being embarrassed by so early and unexpected a prominence in the game he loses his head and passes it still further back to the full-back, by which time the opposing forwards are bearing down at full charge. The back does the only possible thing and kicks for touch, but being flustered by the prospect of having several forwards on top of him at once if he is too slow he hurries his kick and fails to find touch. Seeing this, he follows his kick up as fast as he can, for every member of his side who was in front of him when he kicked is off-side until the back has got in front of him, or an opponent has caught the ball and run with it ten yards. But before the back can reach the ball it has been caught by one of the first side's (which we will call Whites) centre-three-quarters, who proceeds up the field until he is threatened by one of the other side (Colours). He then tries to pass to one of his other three-quarters who has been backing him up, but unfortunately instead of passing the ball in a backward direction he throws it rather forward, and the whistle goes, for the ball must never be thrown forward. At the point where the offence occurs a scrum is formed—that is to say, three forwards of Whites form down against three Colours' forwards, and behind these two rows two more rows are formed on each side, the first of the two forwards and the last of three. The ball is put in the middle by one of the halves and each side try to get possession of it by reaching for it with their feet and by shoving the other side back so that they cannot get it. We will suppose Colours have been successful and that the ball has come out at the rear of their scrum, where it is immediately pounced upon by their scrum half before he can be interfered with by his opposite number, who has to keep on his own side of the ball all the time that it is in the scrum, for fear he should be given off-side. The scrum half flings it out to his fly-half, who runs up the field until he is going to be tackled by the White fly-half, when he passes it to one of the centres who have moved up with the other three-quarters behind him. This centre follows the same tactics and passes it to the other centre, who just before he passes is tackled by the White centre and brought down with the ball. No one can now pick it up until it has been kicked by someone, and before that can happen the forwards will be round it and a "loose" scrum—that is to say, the forwards form down against each other as before but with less attention to the number of players in each row—is formed, and they try to heel it out exactly as before. They must be particularly careful not to touch the ball with their hand while it is in a scrum, tight or loose. Whites get it and it goes out, fly-half, centre, the other centre, the wing, who swerves the man marking him and goes away down the touch line as hard as ever he can go. But he still has to get round the full-back, an expert in tackling. This back decides where he can best intercept the wing's course, and makes for that point and when he gets within reach he dives at his man and *knocks* him over. A good tackle is not a matter of pulling a man down, but the tackler's shoulders crash into his victim's thigh, and the next thing the latter knows is that the ground is harder than he thought it was. The White wing then is tackled by the Colour back, and a loose scrum is formed by the forwards, who have been following the ball as fast as they can. This time Colours get it and it goes out to their fly-half, who pretends to pass but instead slips straight through and is past the may marking him and the neighbouring three-quarters before then have realised it. As the full-back dives at him he passes to the centre, who has backed up, and the latter has an open field before him and has nothing to do but to run round behind the opposing goal-line and ground the ball, thereby scoring a try for which his side scores three points. Colours are then allowed to place the ball on the ground in front of the goal and one of them tries to kick the ball over the bar and between the posts, and if he succeeds it is a further two points to his side. The game starts again by Whites kicking off, and perhaps this time they succeed in finding touch. In that case the forwards draw up in two parallel ranks facing but at right angles to the touch line, and the ball is thrown between them. They try to catch and throw or heel the ball back to their outsides, and so the game gets going once more.

I am afraid this account must make the game seem, to one who has never played it, a very confused, and possibly dull, affair; but I can only assure him that it isn't. There are few experiences so thrilling as a dash for the line with a faster and probably heavier opponent just behind trying to catch one, and no sound is so satisfactory as the crunch with which the victim subsides after a really successful tackle. Moreover, Rugger provides for all sorts. For those who—like the writer—are never so happy as when mixed up in a dog fight the scrum affords infinite opportunities, while the budding tactician who likes to think he can read his opponents' thoughts and outwit them will find plenty of scope for proving his talent or pricking his vanity. Above all, a player who is willing to go all out all the time and to take any knocks he may get as cheerfully as they have been given, will find that with very little practice he can become a valuable member of any side.

CANADA FOR HOLIDAYS.

Some idea of the splendid field Canada affords the holiday-maker and the traveller may be gained from a perusal of the attractive booklets, containing particulars of a number of tours in Canada, which have been issued by the Canadian Pacific Railway. The tours described range from a short tour for £40 15s., including ocean fares, to Tours-de-luxe. The booklets, which are well illustrated, may be obtained on application to the Canadian Pacific Railway, 62-65, Charing Cross, London, S.W. 1.

ENGLISH WILD BIRDS.

THEIR SONG RECORDED BY "HIS MASTER'S VOICE."

By special arrangement with the Gramophone Company, the Navy, Army and Air Force Board are now able to supply "His Master's Voice" products. This applies to canteens in Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Channel Islands, Germany (Army on the Rhine), Colombo, Jamaica, Bermuda, Gibraltar, Malta, Egypt, Palestine, The Soudan, Iraq, Singapore and China.

The remarkable "His Master's Voice" recently issued records of nightingales and other English wild birds will be appreciated by those serving either at home or overseas. The records were made in Surrey, and the achievement was made

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possible by " His Master's Voice " special motor vehicle equipped as a complete recording room, which was recently inspected by the King and Queen. The recording staff were assisted in their work by Miss Beatrice Harrison, who with her 'cello at times coaxed the birds into song.

The most interesting record among them is unquestionably one made at the break of a recent May morning, when the full choir of our English feathered folk were hailing the birth of a new day. The microphone was placed in a dell at the foot of the lawn, and the " calls " of a great variety of birds were " caught " on the record.

Among those identified by Miss Harrison are the following :— thrush, blackbird, nightingale, blue-tit, chaffinch, robin, moorhen, water-wagtail, blackcap and wren ; and, of course, the ubiquitous sparrow is also present. But perhaps the most impressive effect is that caused by the crowing of a distant cock. The familiar sound is reproduced so faithfully and is so atmospheric that a listener might be misled repeatedly into thinking it the actual crowing itself rather than merely its reproduction by a gramophone. On the reverse side of the same record is the song of a nightingale singing alone.

GRAMOPHONE NOTES.

The July list contains the names of several popular " His Master's Voice " favourites. Rachel Morton sings Tosti's " Serenata " and Rimsky-Korsakov's " Chanson Hindoue " ; and Mavis Bennett has given an effective rendering of the " Jewel Song " from " Faust." On the reverse side of the record is Dell 'Acqua's " La Villanelle." Elsie Carlisle, the commedienne—a new " His Master's Voice " artiste—contributes her first record, " Baby " and " Since I found you."

The orchestral portion contains another important record by the State Opera Orchestra of Berlin, conducted by Dr. Leo Blech. It is an attractive rendering of the overture to Thomas' " Mignon." The magnificent records of this famous orchestra have come as a delightful surprise to the gramophone public, and must be largely responsible for the present demand for German recordings.

Some extremely good 3s. dance records appear among the July issue, and it is interesting to note what a prominent place is being taken nowadays by American orchestras. Records have been made by the bands of George Olsen, Jan Garber, Ben Pollack, Nat Shilkret and Paul Whiteman. Jack Hylton and His Orchestra recorded " Does she love me ? Positively, Absolutely ? .. as a fox-trot. Other famous orchestras who contribute are the Savoy Orpheans, the Savoy Havana and the Sylvians.

AN OCEAN HOLIDAY.

The delights of an enjoyable but inexpensive holiday to Canada and the U.S.A. are fully described in a booklet just issued by the Canadian Pacific Railway. Included in the booklet is Peggy's now famous Diary—a charming account of the experiences of a young lady who went on one of these comfortable Tourist Third Cabin Trips. Deck games, dances, concerts, etc., are arranged on board and separate public rooms as lounge, dining and smoke rooms are provided. The short Canadian Pacific sea route is taken of some four days open sea, followed by a delightful sail up the St. Lawrence River to Quebec and Montreal. The booklet, which is well illustrated, may be obtained post free on application to the Canadian Pacific Railway, 62–65, Charing Cross, London, S.W. 1.

A DISTINCTIVE CRUISE OFF THE BEATEN TRACK.

A distinctive cruise of some 22,600 miles will be undertaken by the Canadian Pacific liner *Empress of France*, which will leave Southampton on 7th January, 1928, for the West Indies, South America, South and East Africa, Egypt and the Mediterranean, arriving back at Southampton on 25th April, 59 days will be spent afloat and 51 ashore. The cruise, which is under Canadian Pacific management throughout, includes the reservation of motor cars, special trains, leading hotels, guides, interpreters, dragomans, etc. Calls will be made at all the principal places of interest *en route*, including Tristan da Cunba, the lonely island of the South Atlantic Ocean. Full particulars, including the itinerary of the cruise, may be obtained from the Canadian Pacific Railway, 62–65, Charing Cross, London, S.W. 1.

NORTHUMBERLAND.

Wind-swept and grey are the hills of Northumberland,
Sheep on the slopes and the curlew o'erhead ;
Rocky and grim are the cliffs of Northumberland,
Scarred by fierce seas in the days that are dead.
Smiling and green are the vales of Northumberland,
Watered by rivers, the Tweed and the Tyne ;
Many fair counties has England, our Mother,
None can compare with this Northland of mine.

Thrilling the story of ancient Northumberland—
Legend of Saint, of Soldier, and King ;
Tales of the Romans and Danes in Northumberland,
Borderland feuds to which memories cling.
Famous in history, the names of Northumberland,
Fenwick and Forster, Charlton and Dodd,
Fighting and slaying and riding and raiding,
Serving their country and serving their God.

Proud are the people who live in Northumberland,
Proud of the story of brave days of old.
Silent and stern are the folk of Northumberland,
Hid in each breast is a heart of pure gold.
Trusty and true are the men of Northumberland,
Winsome the bairns with their bonny blue eyes ;
Loyal the women, devoted the mothers,
Building their homes 'neath Northumberland skies.

Long may she flourish, this land of Northumberland,
Known but to few, but belov'd of her own ;
Rev'renced the churches and towers of Northumberland—
Each rugged pile is a story in stone.
Long may the castles and farms of Northumberland
Stand and endure in the teeth of the gale.
So through the years may her fame ne'er diminish,
Each generation adorning a tale !

MURIEL W. MILNER.

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A REGIMENTAL PAPER FOR THE "OLD AND BOLD."

"Quo fata vocant."

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THE OLD MILL HOUSE,

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31st August, 1927.

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EXTRACTS from *The London Gazette*:—

COMMANDS AND STAFF.

The following appointment is made:—Officer Commanding the Troops, Ceylon.—Col. A. C. Girdwood, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., from a Brigade Commander, T.A., and is granted the local rank of Colonel-Commandant whilst so employed (dated 29th July).

REGULAR BATTALIONS.

Capt. C. G. Arkwright, M.C., retires, receiving a gratuity (dated 31st July).

TERRITORIAL BATTALIONS.

Lt.-Col. (Bt.-Col.) N. I. Wright, D.S.O., from 7th Bn., to be Colonel, with precedence as from 16th February, 1924 (dated 16th February).

7th Bn.—Major the Hon. H. B. Robson to be Lieut.-Colonel (dated 16th Feb.).

TERRITORIAL ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

4th Bn.—Lieut. A. S. Todd, from Active List, to be Lieutenant (dated 24th August).

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Obituary.

CAPT. W. SMITH, D.C.M.

We were exceedingly sorry to hear of the death of Captain W. Smith, D.C.M., at Benwell, on 19th August, 1927.

The late Captain Smith enlisted in the Regiment at Derby in 1892, and served with distinction, retiring with the rank of Captain in 1919.

He was in possession of the following medals:—Distinguished Conduct Medal, Soudan 1898, Khedive's

CAPTAIN W. SMITH, D.C.M.
LATE 5TH FUSILIERS.

Soudan Medal, King and Queen's S.A. Medals, 1914–1915 Star, British War Medal, Victory Medal, Long Service and Good Conduct Medals.

The funeral took place at Benwell on 22nd August, 1927, a Firing Party, Bearers and Drummers being found by the Depôt Fifth Fusiliers. Col. W. Platt, D.S.O., attended the funeral.

Regimental Notes.

1ST BATTALION NOTES.

BALLYKINLAR,
August, 1927.

These notes might well have been headed "Bohill" and smudged with rain and tears, but a dispensation arrived straight from heaven, and they are written in the comparative warmth and seclusion of Ballykinlar.

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On 17th August we moved off from Ballykinlar, muffled in dripping waterproof sheets, for the Brigade Camp at Bohill. That evening we pitched our bivouacs at Maltalto, some fourteen miles away, and spent a pleasant and warm night. Certain Officers were somewhat disturbed by the inquisitiveness of the herd of prize cattle who inhabited the neighbourhood, but the majority could be heard sleeping very soundly.

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The next day we moved on to Lisburn, about eleven miles away, and encamped at Wallace Park. Here the Officers' Mess was accommodated in the pavilion of the Lisburn Cricket Club. On the 19th we waited till eleven o'clock for the message which was to turn us away from our goal. In vain, Bohill Camp was still fit for human habitation.

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The Battalion was extracted with a loud squelch from the mud of Wallace Park, and set out upon the long climb to the thousand feet summit of Bohill. All through the day the clouds emptied their contents upon us, and streams foamed and leapt beneath our toiling feet.

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At last, as we reached the summit, the rain ceased, the sun came out, and we discovered the camp.

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Mud! A special brand of black mud, shiny yet glutinous, menacing mud, sticky mud, mud that clawed and clung—an ocean of mud! This was the gate to the camp.

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And then we fought our way to our lines. They looked dry and inviting; the sun shone and the sky was blue. Far beneath stretched the map of Antrim, and on the horizon the glistening waters of Lough Neagh. We fed, we slept.

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Night came down, and with it the rain. Those who had provided themselves with gum boots splashed about and enjoyed it; those who had not, did not.

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The Mess tent had an undignified list to port; the booted ones spoke of a life on the ocean wave, and dined in their boots, chatting lightly of watches on deck and cabin boys; the unbooted ones spoke of wet feet and the diseases they were insured against.

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The night passed. And then came Sunday afternoon—that time for dignified repose. The rain roared down, and the water rose. "Y" Company had a swift salmon river foaming through their lines. "Z" Company specialised in lakes, as became the dignity of Champion Company. The tents leaked. We were all unhappy, and the authorities decided that perhaps it was not healthy; and on Monday we came home. Thus ended the Odyssey of the 1st Battalion. We marched fifty miles; we were wet; we were cold, and we were muddy: we endured these things, we risked death by drowning, and we are all alive!

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In July and the early part of August, the Battalion took part in the N.I.D. Searchlight Tattoo at Balmoral, Belfast.

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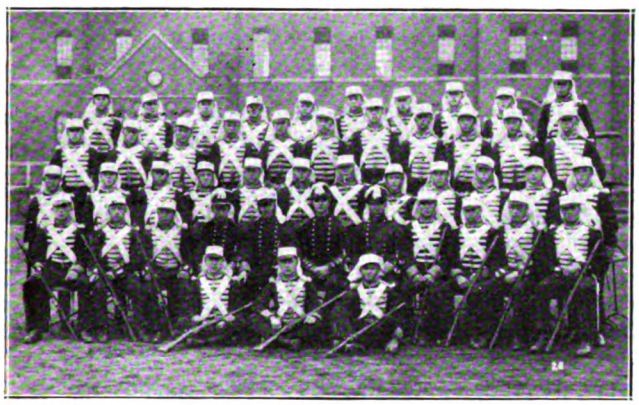
We figured on the programme as "An incident from the



MILITARY TORCHLIGHT TATTOO, BELFAST, 1927.

Indian Mutiny." Actually we performed as nearly as possible the Relief of the Residency at Lucknow, September, 1857.

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We were faced with considerable difficulty in producing this, owing largely to lack of space. The description in the programme was written first, and in spite of all our efforts to live up to it, the actual performance must have been very different.

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We commenced with two attacks on the Residency by small parties of Sepoys at the far end of the ground. After these had been beaten back, the attack on "The Yellow House" was done "off." Then Sepoys commenced to stream back over the Charbargh bridge—a realistic edifice built at the entrance to the arena: a stand was made on this by a rear party. Then came the assault on the bridge by the Dublins—a short, short struggle, and the natives retreated. The Dublins formed up against the parapet and fired volleys.

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After a few minutes the natives counter-attacked the bridge, and were beaten back after a tremendous struggle. The Dublins then advanced down the arena, and were joined by the FIFTH. At this period we should have had street fighting, but owing to the impossibility of building the houses, the show developed into a running dog-fight—attack, retreat, rally and counter-attack followed swiftly one after the other. At last the rebels, their leader a prisoner, the colours and guns taken, and their dead littering the ground, broke and fled. And the FIFTH and the Dublins marched into the Residency, to be greeted by the triumphant Garrison and the women and children.

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A few minutes later a guard was mounted at the Residency, and the troops turned out to welcome General Havelock. The rebel chieftain was unceremoniously hauled into the middle of the arena, where he died before the rifles of a firing party. Lights out, and *finis*.

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Of course one must not imagine that this happened every night. It did not. Each succeeding night new developments came to light, and among the performers the item was known as "the variety show."

For instance, General Havelock, in the programme he featured as Quartermaster Drake, who arrived on a camel with the rum. Owing to local regulations, the camel was not allowed to land; so he became General Havelock on an elephant. The elephant's name was Minnie. She was a very small elephant, a misfit for her clothes, and no lady. The first night she walked very nicely behind the General with her trunk in his pocket, looking for sugar.

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The next night she was mounted. Pandemonium reigned behind the scenes. A Quartermaster-Serjeant of the 68th clambered up her tail, and into the howdah. Mr. Carr-Ellison, who was General Havelock, seized the top rail and was whirled round and round, with his heels above his head. Gradually Minnie quietened down, and suffered herself to be led across the arena with the General perched on her back. But the next night she raved, she swore, she knocked down railings, she tore up trees, she refused to function at all!

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General Havelock therefore ranked again as Quartermaster, and walked to the Residency, followed by a horse with two casks of rum strung over its back. All very confusing.

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But both the audience and the performers entered into the spirit of the thing. There were shouts of laughter at the rebel leaders with their swords, cries of wonder as men fell dead from the parapet of the bridge, roars of applause as the FIFTH and Dublins surged into the Residency, and almost sobs when Capt. Newstead bravely faced the firing party.

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The performers were excellent—they fought with incredible vigour, and died like heroes.

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Finally we must thank the 68th for their hospitality to us during our three weeks' stay in Belfast.

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To the great regret of all ranks, Capt. Stanton, our Medical Officer, has left us to go to Milbank. He will be missed by those whose maladies he has cured, by those who hunt, by those

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who keep dogs, and by everyone who has had anything to do with him.

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The Mess garden will flourish no longer. The live-stock, pigeons, pheasants, guinea-fowl and duck will no doubt wilt

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and die. Meanwhile we wish him the best of luck, and hope that some day he may be able to come back and see us.

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The Band has two engagements for this season. It will be at Margate from 5th to 11th September, and at Worthing from 12th to 25th September.

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The Drill and Turn-out Competition was held on 10th and 11th August. The following was the order of merit:—1st, "Z" Coy.; 2nd, "W" Coy.; 3rd, "Y" Coy.; 4th, "X" Coy.

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The preliminary round of the Army Cookery Challenge Shield took place at Belfast on 12th August. The Fifth Fusiliers' Team was composed as under:—Cpl. Desmond, Fus. Ruddy, Fus. Bainbridge, Fus. Cunnington, Fus. Wonders. They won by a narrow margin from the Sherwood Foresters. The team goes to Aldershot in November to compete in the next round.

ATHLETIC SPORTS.

The Battalion Athletic Sports for the Champion Company Competition were held on the 4th, 5th and 8th of this month. This meeting has suffered for the last three years from the circumstances under which it has been held. In 1924, on the Square in Cologne, and in 1925 in an extremely rough field at Leiden Lausen on St. George's Day, the conditions could not have been much worse; and last year, owing to the move to Ballykinlar and the strike, the sports could not be held at all.

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In spite of this, athletics have been steadily improving, and it was hoped that, with an excellent ground at our disposal, we would have been able to have a really good meeting this year. Circumstances have again been against us, however, and the Sports had to be sandwiched in between Company Training and the Tattoo on one side, and Battalion and Brigade Training on the other. This prevented Companies from organising and training their teams beforehand, and also caused the Sports themselves to be crowded into two days, with heats, semi-finals and finals following very quickly upon one another. Competitors were so exhausted on the second day, that some events had to be postponed until the 8th.

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Apart from these drawbacks the Sports were a great success and have certainly achieved the objects for which they are held. In the field events and long distance track events we have improved out of all recognition, several promising athletes have been found who will be able to fill the places of the old "stars," whom we are gradually losing, and the interest taken in athletics by everyone in the Battalion has never been greater than it is now.

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Unfortunately times were not taken in the races, but in the field events the record for the Team Long Jump was broken by "X" Company with a distance of 39 ft. 9 ins.—2 ft. better than the previous record. The Hurdle Relay was held for the first time and brought two or three promising hurdlers to light; also in the Pole Vault and Throwing-the-Hammer some excellent performances were put up, especially "Z" Company's distance with the hammer of 219 ft. 0½ ins.

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RESULTS.

100 *Yards* (*Team*).—1, Mr. Kilgour, "X" Coy.; 2, Mr. Beckwith, "Z" Coy.; 3, Fus. Sherburn, "Z" Coy.; 4, Fus. Urwin, "X" Coy.

220 *Yards* (*Team*).—1, Mr. Kilgour, "X" Coy.; 2, Lce.-Cpl. Power, "W" Coy.; 3, Fus. Urwin, "X" Coy.; 4, Fus. Miller, "X" Coy.

440 *Yards* (*Team*).—1, Fus. Humphreys, "Z" Coy.; 2, Lce.-Cpl. Power, "W" Coy.; 3, Fus. Hill, "W" Coy.; 4, Lce.-Cpl. Scanlon, "X" Coy.

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880 *Yards* (*Team*).—1, Fus. Humphreys, "Z" Coy.; 2, Lce.-Cpl. Bellwood, "W" Coy.; 3, Fus. Anderson, "Z" Coy.; 4, Fus. Ellison, "Y" Coy.

One Mile (*Team*).—1, Fus. Latimer, "Z" Coy.; 2, Cpl. Ross, "Z" Coy.; 3, Fus. Maclelan, "Z" Coy.; 4, Lce.-Cpl. Bell, "W" Coy.

Three Miles (*Team*).—1, Fus. Latimer, "Z" Coy.; 2, Cpl. Ross, "Z" Coy.; 3, Fus. Maclelan, "Z" Coy.; 4, Fus. Hawthorn, "Z" Coy.

Long Jump.—1, Fus. Urwin, "X" Coy. (20 ft. 0½ ins.); 2, Mr. Kilgour, "X" Coy. (19 ft. 8½ ins.). Team:—"Y" Coy. (Cpl. Russell, Fus. Craig), 36 ft. 2½ ins.

High Jump.—1, Mr. Beckwith, "Z" Coy. (5 ft. 2½ ins.); 2, Cpl. Purcell, "Z" Coy. (5 ft. 2½ ins.); 3, Mr. Kilgour (5 ft. 1½ ins. Team:—"Z" Coy. (Mr. Beckwith, Cpl. Purcell), 10 ft. 5 ins.

Pole Vault.—1, Fus. Sherburn, "Z" Coy. (8 ft. 10 ins.); 2, Lce.-Cpl. McDonough, "X" Coy. (8 ft. 8 ins.); 3, Lce.-Cpl. J. Taylor, "X" Coy. (8 ft.). Team:—"X" Coy. (Lce.-Cpl. McDonough, Lce.-Cpl. Taylor), 16 ft. 8 ins.

Putting-the-Shot.—1, Mr. Beckwith, "Z" Coy. (37 ft. 1½ ins.); 2, Lce.-Cpl. Stobbart, "Z" Coy. (33 ft. 7½ ins.). Team:—"Z" Coy. (Mr. Beckwith, Lce.-Cpl. Stobbart), 70 ft. 9 ins.

Throwing-the-Hammer.—1, Mr. Beckwith, "Z" Coy. (112 ft. 5 ins.); 2, Lce.-Cpl. Stobbart, "Z" Coy., 106 ft. 7½ ins. Team:—"Z" Coy. (Mr. Beckwith, Lce.-Cpl. Stobbart), 219 ft. 0½ ins.

400 *Yards Relay.*—1, "X" Coy. (Mr. Kilgour, Fus. Urwin, Fus. Miller, Lce.-Cpl. McDonough); 2, "W" Coy.; 3, "Z" Coy.

Two Miles Relay.—1, "Z" Coy. (Cpl. Ross, Lce.-Cpl. Humphrey, Fus. Anderson, Lce.-Cpl. Ashton); 2, "W" Coy.; 3, "X" Coy.

One-and-a-Half Miles Medley (220, 220, 440, 880, 440, 220, 220 *yds.*).—1, "W" Coy. (Lce.-Cpl. Gray, Lce.-Cpl. Shields, Fus. Power, Lce.-Cpl. Bellwood, Fus. Hill, Fus. Gregory, Lce.-Cpl. Bell); 2, "X" Coy.; 3, "Z" Coy.

480 *Yards Hurdle Relay.*—1, "Z" Coy. (Mr. Beckwith, Fus. Sherburn, Lce.-Cpl. Stobbart, Lce.-Cpl. Humphreys); 2, "X" Coy.; 3, "W" Coy.

Tug-of-War (110 *stone*).—1, "Z" Coy.; 2, "X" Coy.; 3, "W" Coy.

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"Z" Company are to be congratulated on winning so easily.

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Scores:—1, "Z" Company, 83 pts.; 2, "X" Company, 64 pts.; 3, "W" Company, 59 pts.; 4, "Y" Company, 6 pts.

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Points for Champion Company.—"Z" Company, 18; "X" Company, 12; "W" Company, 6.

CRICKET.

On Sunday, 14th August, was played what will probably be the last match of the season—The Officers of the FIFTH *v.* The Officers of the 68th.

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It is nearly thirty years since we played the 68th at cricket. It was with great regret, therefore, that we saw the morning of the match bring with it a steady downpour of rain. After lunch, however, the weather cleared, and at four o'clock the ground was playable.

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The FIFTH won the toss, and batted first, on wicket which was soft and slow. As there were only three hours' play available, it had been decided to bat an hour and a half each. Since, therefore, there was no time to waste, the FIFTH commenced immediately to force the pace. Half an hour produced 77 runs for the loss of 4 wickets. Capt. Powell and Mr. Macmullen then put on exactly 100 in forty minutes for the fifth wicket. Of these, Capt. Powell scored 74. He hit four 6's and eight 4's, and gave no possible chance. The tail did nothing of note, and the side was out for 215 exactly on the stroke of time. Mr. Wilson had the best analysis, in spite of the terrific hitting of Capt. Powell.

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The 68th also started at a great pace, but met with an early disaster, Mr. Kilgour bowling Mr. Kirby with an unplayable ball. Capt. Heslop left at 29, and after Capt. Yate and Capt. Wiehe had taken the score to 71, only a sparkling display by Mr. Mason saved the side from complete collapse. Mr. Kilgour bowled Capt. Rathbone with practically the last ball of the match, and the FIFTH won by 87 runs.

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SCORES.

FIFTH FUSILIERS.

2nd-Lieut. W. D. F. Laing, c Dryden, b Mason	9
Lieut. C. E. Beckwith, b Wilson	19
Lieut. I. J. Kilgour, b Mason	29
Capt. E. G. M. Buckley, c Cousens, b Mason	17
Capt. H. I. Powell, c Yate, b Wilson	74
Lieut. M. N. E. Macmullen, st Matthews, b Wilson	33
Lt.-Col. W. Y. Herbert, c Yate, b Wilson	1
Major J. Chenevix-Trench, st Matthews, b Cousens	2
Capt. B. R. Newstead, b Wilson	0
Lieut. F. H. Butterfield, not out	1
Lieut. C. F. C. Carr-Ellison, c Kirby, b Wilson	7
Extras	23
Total	215

Wilson, 6 for 67; Mason, 3 for 39; Cousens, 1 for 35; Kirby, 0 for 33.

DURHAM LIGHT INFANTRY.

Capt. V. A. C. Yate, lbw, b Laing	39
Lieut. R. F. Kirby, b Kilgour	5
Capt. E. T. Heslop, c Kilgour, b Laing	5
Capt. G. I. Wiehe, b Laing	20
Lt.-Col. C. L. Matthews, b Laing	12
2nd-Lieut. J. R. Cousens, b Laing	0
Lieut. H. C. D. Wilson, st Butterfield, b Macmullen	8
Lieut. M. A. F. Mason, c Beckwith, b Macmullen	28
Capt. E. Dryden, b Macmullen	0
Lieut. G. M. Richardson, not out	2
Capt. J. W. L. Rathbone, b Kilgour	1
Extras	8
Total	128

Powell, 0 for 13; Kilgour, 2 for 23; Laing, 5 for 30; Macmullen, 3 for 50.

SERJEANTS' MESS NOTES.

Owing to the intervention of the Brigade Training, it has only been possible to hold two of our usual Whist Drives and Dances.

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The Whist Drives were held on the 3rd and 10th instants, and the Dances on the 6th and 13th instant.

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These social functions continue to be popular, although not so well patronised as during the winter.

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It is hoped, however, that with the passing of the summer period the attendances will increase.

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The results of the Whist Drives are as follows :—

	Ladies.	*Gents.*
3rd inst.	1, Mrs. James	1, W.O. Tuppen
	2, Mrs. Kelly	2, Mr. Sutton
10th inst.	1, Mrs. Ratliff	1, C.S.M. Ratliff

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All our members returned safely from their arduous duties in connection with the Belfast Tattoo early this month.

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It is understood that the Tattoo was a great success and will, no doubt, be repeated in 1928.

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Lce.-Sjt. Meadows has proceeded to Hythe for a long course. May success attend his efforts and his reward be a " D."

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Lce.-Sjt. Brown (Topper) has been selected (on probation) as an Assistant-Instructor at Sandhurst.

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We congratulate him, and are confident that during his period of duty he will bring further honour to, and maintain the high traditions of, the Regiment.

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Congratulations to Sjt. and Mrs. D'Orey on their male increase of establishment.

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On the 10th inst. we commenced the first period of Battalion Training.

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Our members received a severe blow when it was learned that the " Hunion King," whose name is now a household word owing to his invention of the patent watering can, had been seconded to the Intelligence Staff.

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The higher authorities having heard of this N.C.O. of brains akin to Sherlock Holmes, decided that his abilities should be given greater scope.

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Daily he advanced to battle armed, in addition to the usual impedimenta of the infantry soldier, with a telescope.

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He makes such good use of this instrument of war, that as each member returns from the day's strafe to the Mess he is presented with a detailed statement of his movements during the day's encounter.

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A general feeling of uncertainty now pervades the Mess, and little groups of members can be heard whispering, " Where is Sherlock ? "

His probing propensities, even with normal powers of vision, is uncanny, so is it to be wondered at that members are apprehensive as to the results of the increased and improvised power of vision afforded to this sleuth hound ?

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The use of the telescope and other magnifying instruments has been debarred during *quiet* games of " Fat."

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Other methods of neutralising the powers afforded to this intelligent N.C.O. are under consideration.

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One unkind member suggested that a good use for the telescope would be looking for the beetroot among his abundant crop of weeds, which detract from the outward appearance of the Mess.

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On the 20th the Higher Command issued orders that the Brigade would concentrate at Bohill.

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To do this necessitated a three days' march in a heavenly direction.

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We started off in the rain, continued in the rain, and finished among the rain.

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This Bohill is, of course, " Up the Hills," and, according to

plan, we were to recuperate from the effects of the heat of Ballykinlar Plains, for a period of 25 days.

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The fates, however, decreed otherwise, and much to our regret (?) we were ordered back to the Plains on the 23rd.

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Someday, perhaps, a lucky Brigade will be able to complete their training at Bohill according to plan, but not until the waters of the universe become subservient to mere man and are made to obey his command.

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Splendid arrangements had been made for the comfort of the troops, such as hot and cold baths, etc.

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But it is not understood how, with a rainfall during the three

days spent there of approximately 12 inches, no water was available in the water tanks.

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Water, water, everywhere but in the tanks for washing.

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This sounds far-fetched, but is unfortunately true.

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Bohill is a splendid place for members of the feathered world who can spread their wings and rise above the fast rising tides, but not for human beings who are normally associated with the earth.

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Who was the member who captured a stream which was flowing through his tent, and raised objections when it was suggested that the stream be diverted to become common property?

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Will a medal be struck for the eight worthy members who sat in 12 inches of water and decided several games of euchre?

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Deeds of valour such as this should not pass unrecognised.

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Why was it that an issue of whale oil was not thought of, and what has become of all the duckboards made during the war?

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What became of the lifeline that "Staker" wore when present in the Mess?

Does "Jock" honestly think that a volunteer is worth X pressed men?

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"Freddy" has left for Hounslow to undergo a course of upholstery. Evidently he intends also to study comfort.

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We miss his cheery smile, and also his twiddly bits on the "Gob-stick."

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It is with deep regret that we learn of the death of Captain W. Smith, D.C.M., an old member of the Mess.

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A team of four are representing us in the Ulster Challenge Shield for Rifle Shooting.

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May good luck attend them, and may they return with the Shield and one Gold Medal each.

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A new cloth is being put on the billiard table, so many interesting games should be witnessed in the next handicap.

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And what about in the Cup fight?

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It is rather unfortunate for "Staker" that the governing body should decide on such drastic action as covering the table at the present time.

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It is hardly fair on "Staker," as he has put in a lot of con-

scientious practice learning the peculiarities of the present cloth, with its jumps, etc.

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Possibly the handicapper will consider this when framing his handicap.

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One result will be that the ante-post betting will open up a bit, and money will not be so cramped.

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There is an additional handicap in the fact that the billiard balls are being adjusted.

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What about the angles now?

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It is much regretted that, through an oversight on the part of the writer, no mention was made in last issue of the fact that C.S.M. Mellors had left us.

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"Matty" has left the Forces, and gone to pension after serving 21 years.

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He served in both Regular Battalions, with the 5th (T.A.) Bn., with the Machine Gun Corps, and also with the Russian Relief Force.

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His bright smile haunts us still, and will do for many a day.

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In his retirement we wish him the very best of health and success.

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Cheerio, old bean!

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The burning question of the day and hour is, Who are the members for the big ship and helmet?

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A case of "if" and "when."

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But why worry?—*Quo fata vocant.*

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Sketches reminiscent of Bohill appear elsewhere in this issue.

"PACKY."

"YE FISHYNGE STORIE."

Since ye laste exploits of the youth Craw, of the Land of Ley, there have beene greate upheavals.

The youth had apparentely gone awaye to a far land, the name of which was not known.

And it came to pass that the Officiere in charge of the soldieres of the Land of Ley did cause all his men to marche to a strange place. They did march for three dayes and did suffer much discomfort, for the weathere at times was pestilential.

And, behold! at the eve of the third daye the soldieres did halt at a great camp.

And they were disgruntled and exceedynge sore at ye lacke of musik (for the Drummers and Fifers were short-winded). But they did cheer up and become merrie.

The comrades of the youth Craw did then hie them to "Ye Messe" for vittles.

Lo and behold! in the midst of the merriment and the eatynge and the drinkynge there entered the youth Craw.

Alas and alack! but he was hardlie to be recognised.

In the place of the fine raiment with whiche he was wont to be decked in the land of his father, he was arrayed in a common dress of brown colour and did weare a pair of greate high boots, which he did call by a strange name—to wit—Gumm Boots.

With greate glee he told his comrades of a fine place for ye fishynge which he did find—aboute fourteen fields away.

But stille was there no proof forthcominge of his prowess, and his comrades would fain have fallen upone him and smitten him, only that they were sore depressed with the weathere.

(*To be continued.*)

CORPORALS' CLUB NOTES.

Many of our members have been living a new life whilst in Belfast participating in the "Torchlight Tattoo."

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Our good friend Collier, living up to his name, was a real nigger, or we had better say Indian.

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To commence the show each night the "real nigger" and our "Rummy King," representing Dublin Fusiliers, with their respective satelites, waged a frightful battle on the bridge.

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We believe the show was a success, and the majority of our members were sorry when it ended.

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The Battalion Sports were held on the 4th and 5th, and as the "Tattoo" did not finish until the 3rd, N.C.O.'s and men who wished to take part in the Sports had to make a hurried journey to Ballykinlar.

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The party intended to travel by train from Belfast, but arrived at the station just in time to be too late. Eventually reaching Ballykinlar in char-a-bancs.

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A detailed account of the Sports will be found elsewhere, and we would only wish to congratulate Lce.-Cpl.'s McDonough and Taylor in doing wonders at the Pole Vault and Cpl. Purcell on his achievement in the High Jump.

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Cpl. Challen has left us on six months' probation to the A.P.T. Staff as Acting-Instructor. He takes with him our best wishes for a bright future.

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Lce.-Cpl. Thornton has left us for a tour of duty at the Depôt, and again our loss is the Depôt's gain.

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At last our billiard table is in working order, and we can now resume our handicaps; probably we will have interesting news to publish in next month's notes.

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Congratulations are extended to Lce.-Cpl. and Mrs. Jarmain on the birth of a daughter.

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We welcome to the fold Cpl. Taylor, who has just completed a tour of duty at the Depôt. We hope his stay with us will be a long and happy one.

"HUTTIE."

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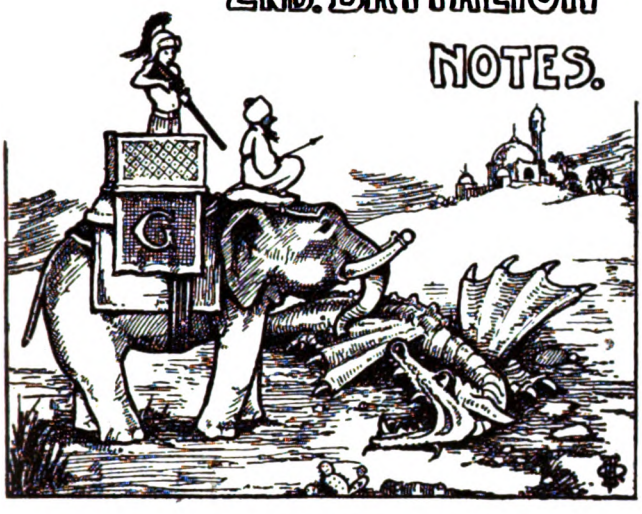
2ND. BATTALION NOTES.



CHERAT,

July, 1927.

In spite of the somewhat dismal forebodings with which some of us approached our sojourn in Cherat, we cannot honestly now accuse ourselves of not having made the best of what we found, and further of not having made many innovations for our amusement hitherto unheard of in this heap of rocks and olive trees. The luxuriant growth of the latter is one of those mysteries hard to explain.

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However, when one considers the height and fullness to which these attain in the vicinities, one's mind naturally goes towards the solution of that other local problem, What happened to Alexandra's lost legion? One can picture the remnant of this gallant force lying at ease upon their stone couches in this hill top. Their native "thirst promotes" lying temptingly at the bottom of that empty glass of gin. Whereto went the stores? We see the answer all around us.

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The news of the month from England week by week has given us seriously to think, which even Tyrconnell must confess he has time for here:—New innovation, the mechanical hare; anxious situation at the White City; the gun stops—I mean the hare stops.

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If we only had known in time!

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Day after day, except when mist abounds, five hundred feet below the signal bungalow, our mechanical man, well roped to a trusty beam which surely was salved from a Spanish galleon, ploughs his scheduled way of twenty yards over the well-laid track, ever as he has done for twenty years.

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Oh! how easily we could have saved the situation and lined our pockets for more dance tickets. Nothing is new.

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The experimental Brigade at Aldershot is merely a modern application of the mechanised train of the builder of the butts, where a stone commemorates with the date A.D. 1897. The letters A.D. are in this case a necessity.

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"A" Company have just completed firing Table "L," with an average of 133.38, an improvement over last year.

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"D" Company, at Khanspur, have, however, capped all to date by their most excellent average of over 90 in Table "R" and 162.61 in Table "L."

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"D" Company change over with "C" Company in Nowshera at the end of this month, when Major Baxter goes to Kashmir on leave, followed shortly by Major Critchley-Salmonson.

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We offer our heartiest congratulations and good wishes to Capt. Hogshaw on his wedding. His wife, formerly Miss Mary Bucknill, is well known to many in this Battalion.

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We also congratulate Mr. Hopper on his wedding, and Capt. Thomas on his engagement.

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The departure of Major T. J. Carroll-Leahy on leave pending retirement was a sad day for all Fusiliers. During his time with the Battalion he made himself extremely popular with all ranks, and we more than appreciated the way in which he made the FIFTH his home after the disbandment of his original Regiment, The Royal Dublin Fusiliers, of which he was Adjutant. We wish him all good luck for the future.

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Mr. Ingledew has been suddenly plucked from our midst by the jerk of a string from Simla. He has taken up the appointment of Staff Captain Q.M.G.'s Branch, A.H.Q., which unfortunately for us will entail his absence for at least two years.

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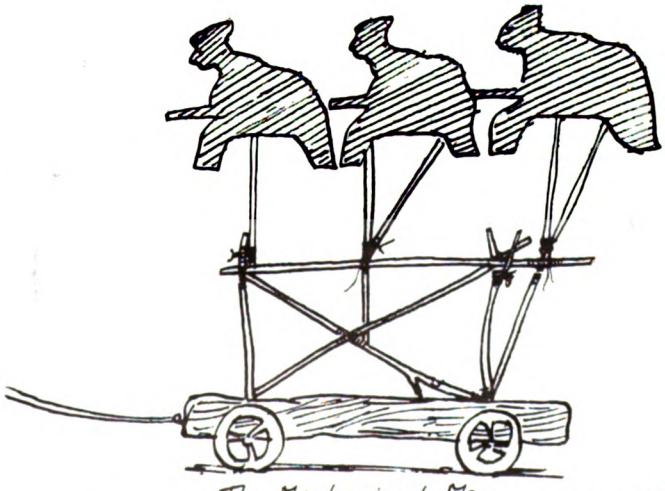
Capt. Attwater's winter labours have been rewarded by qualifying in the last Staff College Examination. We wish him the best of luck in his next attack on the Examiners.



The Mechanised Man
"with cat-like tread, upon our way we steal."

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Here our gallant brother Officer failed us. There are in the Bible two cases of this sort mentioned :—" The man who said he would and didn't, and the man who said he wouldn't and did." Here we have a third : " The man who said he would . . and only did half."

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We feel compelled to explain his reference to the " mechanical man " and " mechanical hare." Think of a Lewis Gun and a picture of three men with lumbago, and you have the answer . . . sometimes known as Felix.

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At the end of June an excellent and well-run swimming meeting was held at the Old Settlement Tanks in Peshawar. The Regiment was well represented, but, of course, we in Cherat have no opportunity for practice, and so wind was short and muscles were stiff. Our Relay Team, composed of Bdsmn. Grief, Fus. Peacock, Fus. Burrel and Lieut. Grimley, was second out of four in its heat. Drmr. Hayton and Fus. Thredkill reached the final of the Standing High Dive. If we can manage some training first we hope to do better next time.

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We now have a Battalion Boxing Team in training for the forthcoming All-India Tournament in Mussoorie. The final selection will be made after an Inter-Company Tournament which we are organising for our Companies in Cherat and those of the K.O.Y.L.I. We hope also that " D " Company will send up a team from Nowshera.

PLATOON TEAMS, " B " COMPANY.

INTER-PLATOON NOVICES BOXING COMPETITION, CHERAT, 1927.

During the same week we are having a Fancy Fair, a Grand Gala Fancy Dress Dance, and, we hope, a Concert. We are all for a " brighter Cherat."

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We have already had two very successful Fancy Dress Dances. The first, a Battalion, Dance held in the Gym., was a great success, and there were some very attractive dresses and some very amusing costumes. The second, run by the Drums and held in their barrack-room, was also a roaring success, and dresses and costumes were, if anything, more attractive and more bizarre than at the Battalion Dance. The Drums are to be congratulated on their own particular little Dance Band.

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Two of the brighter events of the month were the Officers' Club *versus* Warrant Officers and Serjeants' Club tennis matches. The first, played at the Officers' Club, resulted in a victory for the Officers by 88 games to 73, but in the return match played at the W.O.'s and Serjeants' Club the tables were turned and the Officers' Club lost by 7 sets to 9.

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Both matches were most enjoyable and were keenly followed by a large audience. It was very fortunate, however, that the W.O.'s and Serjeants' Club's best pair, R.S.M. Brokelsby and O.R.Q.M.S. Willson, were unable to play in either match. The reason given and accepted that

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WINNERS OF REGIMENTAL INTER-PLATOON BOXING COMPETITION, CHERAT, 1927.

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the O.R.Q.M.S.'s racquet was at the Armourer's shop. The result of individual matches is published below :—

Name.	*Sets Won.*	*Score.*		*Name.*	*Sets Won.*	*Score.*
Capt. and Bt.-Major T. J. Carroll-Leahy, D.S.O., M.C., 5th Fus. 2nd-Lt. Raza, K.O.Y.L.I.	2	6—4 3—6 6—5	*v.*	Bdsmn. Steffen, 5th Fus. W.O. McDonald, A.E.C.	1	4—6 6—3 5—6
Lieut. G. C. Humphreys, 5th Fus. Lieut. Walker, K.O.Y.L.I.	1	1—6 6—3 4—6	*v.*	W.O. Murdoch, A.E.C. C.S.M. Ledger, K.O.Y.L.I.	2	6—1 3—6 6—4
Lieut. P. H. Earle, 5th Fus. Lieut. Poole, K.O.Y.L.I.	2	6—3 6—0 3—6	*v.*	R.Q.M.S. Atkinson, 5th Fus. C.Q.M.S. Mettam, K.O.Y.L.I.	1	6—3 3—6 0—6
Capt. A. E. B. Plummer, M.C., 5th Fus. Capt. Ainger, K.O.Y.L.I.	3	6—1 6—2 6—2	*v.*	C.S.M. Davis, 5th Fus... Sjt. McCarthy, K.O.Y.L.I.	0	1—6 2—6 2—6
Lieut. E. H. D. Grimley, 5th Fus. Lieut. Power, K.O.Y.L.I.	0	4—6 4—6 4—6	*v.*	Sjt. Parkin, 5th Fus. .. Sjt. Fabel, A.E.C.	3	6—4 6—4 6—4
Major Wilson, R.A.M.C. Lieut. Phipps, R.A.M.C.	2	6—0 5—6 6—5	*v.*	C.S.M. Pollard, 5th Fus. S.Sjt. South, M.E.S.	1	0—6 6—5 5—6
Total	10	88		Total	8	73

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In spite of all this apparent light-heartedness we still work. The Machine Gun Platoon is now firing the Annual Machine Gun Course, and the first party of 22 has achieved an average of 252, with 6 marksmen. The highest score was made by Fus. Thompson with 354. It remains to be seen whether this average will be beaten by the second party, the majority of which is made up of first-year Machine Gunners.

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The pattern for the Champion Platoon lanyards has been decided upon, and we hope to see the Signallers very soon in their green and silver badges of honour.

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Some of *St. George's Gazette* readers will no doubt remember Major Tony Marshall, D.S.O. Colonel Kershaw, who served in the same Company of the 2nd Battalion with him at Ladybrand in 1902, reports that he recently met him in Peshawar.

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Mr. Martin and Mr. Tarleton recently deserted us for a ten days' stay in Khanspur. They stayed with Major and Mrs. Baxter, and came back with stirring accounts of the number of hours' sleep they managed to put in.

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Mr. Bradford also snatched a brief ten days' houseboating in Kashmir.

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Major Foster and Kingsley Foster have just returned from their two months' leave amongst the mountains and streams of the Scinde Valley. They are both as brown as Red Indians, and full of fishing and hunting stories. It transpires that the bear we mentioned last month was shot and not sandbagged by Kingsley Foster.

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Mr. Leech went off about a week ago *en route* for Penang. We admire the lightheartedness with which he undertook such

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a momentous journey. He was looking after Mr. Flowers' dogs. He took over two dogs, but has handed fourteen over to be looked after until Mr. Flowers arrives to take them over.

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An account of the Inter-Platoon Football and Boxing appears below.

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PLATOON KNOCKOUT FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT.

An Inter-Platoon Knock-out Tournament, open to the Garrison, was held in Cherat, commencing on 1st July. The teams entered were:—5th Fusiliers, 13; The King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry, 10; and The Royal Signals, 1.

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The results indicate the general superiority of our Platoon Teams, of which nine were left after the 1st round, as compared with three teams of the K.O.Y.L.I. The standard of football was very high, and the greatest enthusiasm prevailed amongst the large number of spectators of both Regiments who came each evening to encourage with lusty voice or expert advice their respective teams. Indeed, the turmoil announcing each goal rivalled that at St. James' Park, and could be heard reverberating among the hills, no doubt striking terror into the hearts of the local tribes.

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After the final match, in which the Band gained a narrow win over No. 6 Platoon, medals bearing the crests of both Regiments were presented by Mrs. Plummer.

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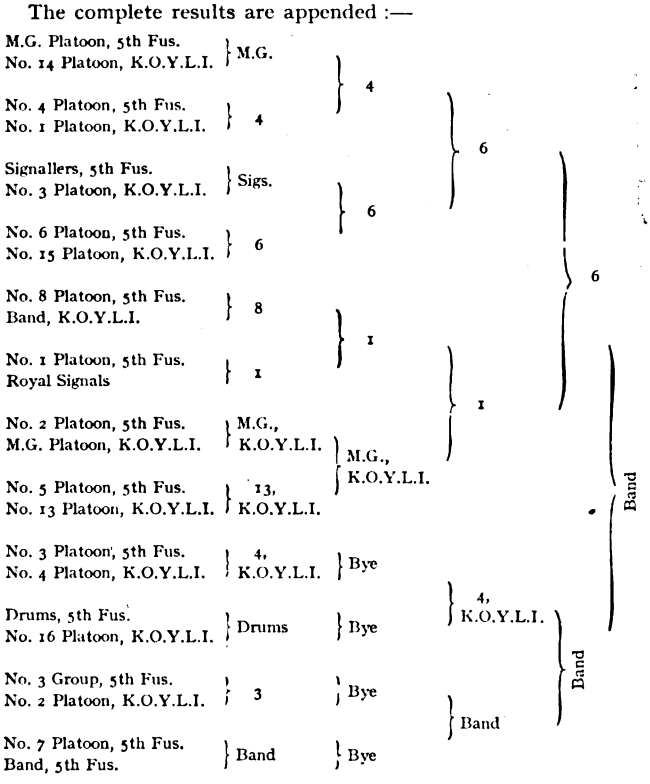
The complete results are appended:—



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The Inter-Platoon Novices' Tournament took place on 4th, 5th and 6th July. Entries consisted of 6 per Platoon, in any weight among Light-Heavy, Feather, Middle, Welter, Light and Bantam. Two rounds of one minute each and one of two minutes only were fought.

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A large attendance witnessed the boxing each night, and some excellent fights took place. Without exception, seldom have keener or more evenly contested fights been staged in our ring.

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On the final night, a special Inter-Regimental Boys' Competition took place between four boys of the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry and four of our boys, the nearest in weight to our opponents.

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Our representatives were:—Boys Dowdell, Allen, Hardy and Brooks, and we congratulate all of them on having vanquished their respective opponents, due credit being given to Cpl. Tulip, who has had their training in hand since arrival in Cherat.

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In the team competition the result lay between No. 8 Platoon and the Signallers. Eventually they tied with 24 points each, and No. 8 Platoon were declared the winners by virtue of having the greater number of semi-finalists, the finalists being equal.

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The conditions of the Tournament enabled many men to fight who annually do not figure in the more advanced class usually entered for. To anyone who witnessed the boxing it is obvious that we have little to fear from the future. We were particularly glad to see some of the last draft making their first appearance in the ring since they joined the Battalion.

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We are very grateful to Capt. Armgrie and Lieuts. Walker and Poole, of the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry, who officiated in turn as referees during the three nights' boxing.

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Our usual reporter being in Khanspur, we regret that details of the individual fights cannot be given. Full results are shown below.

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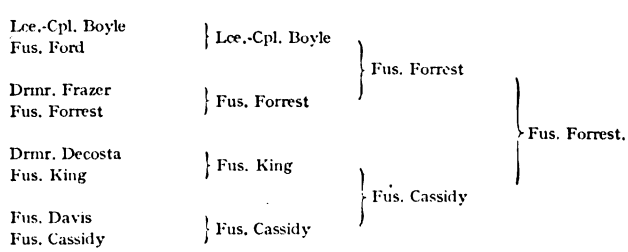

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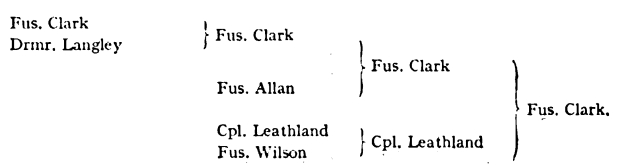

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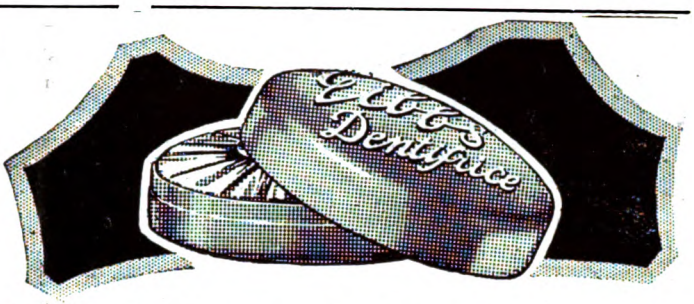

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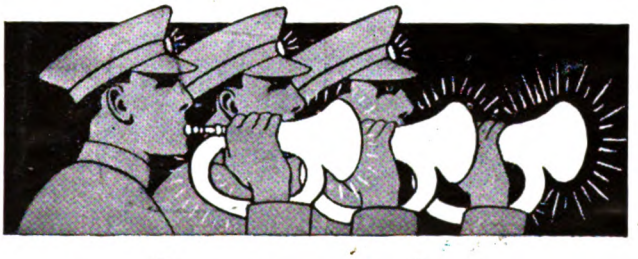

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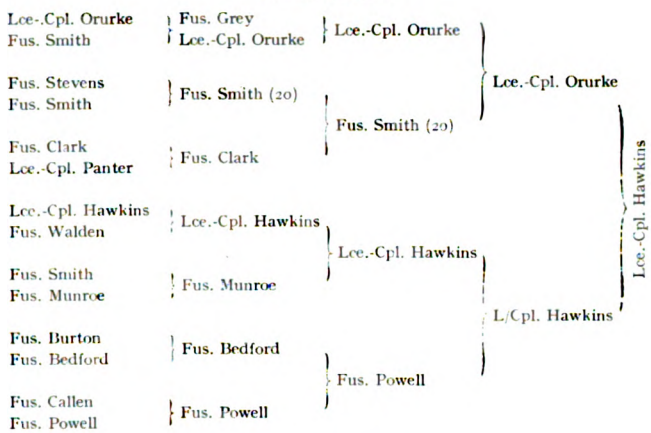

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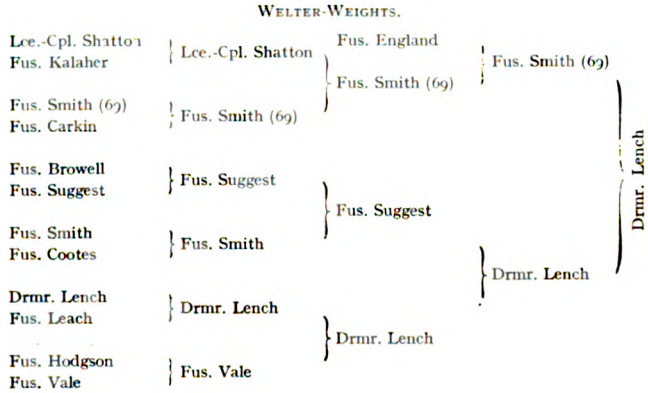

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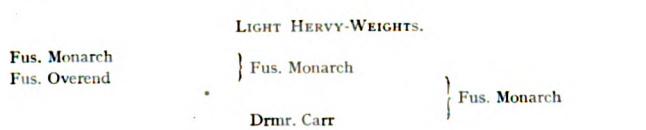

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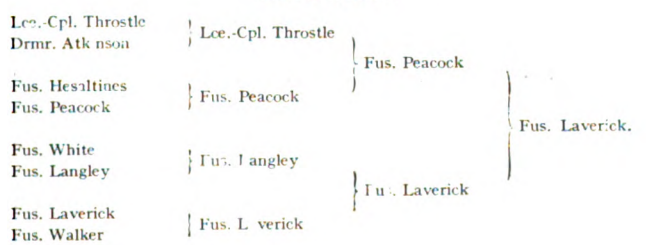

BOY WEIGHTS.

K.O.Y.L.I.		*Fifth Fusiliers.*
Boy Abbott (9 st. 8 lbs.)	*v.*	Boy Dowdell (9 st. 3 lbs.)
Boy Deal (9 st.)	*v.*	Boy Allen (9 st. 3 lbs.)
Boy Massey (7 st. 8 lbs.)	*v.*	Boy Hardy (7 st. 8 lbs.)
Boy Pollard (6 st. 2 lbs.)	*v.*	Boy Brooks (6 st. 1 lb.)
Fifth Fusiliers = 4 winners.		K.O.Y.L.I. = nil.

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At the conclusion of the meeting, Capt. and Bt.-Major T. J. Carroll Leahy, D.S.O., M.C., presented the Cup and Medals to the winning team, medals to the runners up, and prizes to the winners and runners up in each weight. He congratulated all the competitors on the excellent sport they provided, and stated that seldom had he seen such keen boxing as took place.

SERJEANTS' MESS NOTES.

Again during the month the Officers, W.O.'s and Serjeants challenged the remainder of the Battalion at hockey; our team work was much improved, and the game was drawn, 2 goals each.

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Congratulations to Sjt. Larkman on his promotion to Warrant Officer, Class II.; Sjts. Greaves and Chapman on attaining full rank; and we welcome Lce.-Sjts. Richardson and Hills to the Mess.

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We are all sorry to hear that we are going to lose our old friend O.R.Q.M.S. Wilson, who is going to sever his connection with the Battalion after serving 21 years, and going to the Depôt as R.Q.M.S. Congratulations, Tug, and don't forget a good suit of civvies when we come home for discharge.

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A very pleasant evening was spent at the Cherat Club, on the invitation of the Officers of the 5th Fusiliers and 2nd Bn. K.O.Y.L.I., to a Tennis Tournament. We were beaten by 10 sets to 8. We hope to get our revenge when we have the return Tournament on our own courts.

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The Mess Dances are very popular which we hold most Saturday nights. We have the Savoy Orpheans Dance Band playing to us every evening (on the gramophone), and a great deal of Charleston practice is put in, especially by Sjt. W——, but one must keep a considerable distance when he performs.

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Tempus fugit! And how little one realizes it until one hears of L.S. and G.C. Medals being granted. This honour has fallen upon R.S.M. Brockelsby, D.C.M., on the attaining of which we offer to him our heartiest congratulations. It is rumoured that the bungalow in which the R.S.M. resides, which already houses two L.S. and G.C. Medals, is now to be called the "Veterans' Home."

"D" COMPANY DETACHMENT NOTES.

KHANSPUR,

July, 1927.

Sleepy Khanspur! But we are inclined to differ. The appended chronological order of events may throw further light on this old-time slur cast upon this married man's "Mecca":—

Musketry Table "R."—Exercised 101; marksmen 30; Coy. average 92 (increase on previous year 19).

Musketry Table "L."—Exercised 36; 1st Class Gunners 30; Coy. average 162 (increase on previous year 36).

Musketry, Rifle Refresher.—Exercised 34.

Musketry, L.G. Refresher.—Exercised 36.

Musketry, Revolver.—Exercised 12; average 78; increase on previous year 8.

Company Rifle Meeting, 19th, 20th and 21st July.

Company Sports—Individual Events.

Company Sports—Platoon Championship—Team Events.

Hockey League.—Commenced and completed.

Cricket League.—Completed.

Cross-Country Run.

Officers' and Serjeants' Tennis. "At Home."

Officers' and Serjeants' Football Match.

Garrison Inter-Platoon Football Knock-out.

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In the midst of all this the Officers can still enjoy their pigeon shoot, and some quite good bags have resulted. There has been some horrible tales of baby killing, and the like, as the result of stray pellets in the vicinity of the married quarters. Now the outskirts of the ball range, the favourite pigeon ground, is placarded with a variety of quaint and decorative danger signals to warn all to repair to quarters lest the "accuracy" of the gunmen should again tell its tale during these restive afternoons.

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Mr. Bradford has been on leave to Kashmir and returned after 10 days to find that Mr. Edwards had further increased the debt by obtaining an excellent score of 104 in Table "R," as against 103 set up by the former Officer.

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We were pleased to see Lieuts. Martin and Tarlton, who arrived from Cherat to enjoy a rest-cure in this "sleepy" place. They stayed 10 days with us and appeared to find Khanspur a most welcome change from Cherat.

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Major Baxter is to be complimented on his fine showing in the football match, Officers and Serjeants, Khanspur, *versus* Officers and Serjeants, Ghora Dakka. He was loudly cheered on scoring his first goal, but his second goal was really the greatest shot we have ever seen in a match of such importance. The high banks of the ground were well packed with admiring spectators, and it appears that the Company were well represented when, as this great shot went home, a voice from the gallery made itself audible above everything else: "Nae parade the morn'!"

No. 6 Platoon, "D" Company.

FINALISTS OF STATION INTER-PLATOON FOOTBALL COMPETITION, CHERAT, 1927.

In the Garrison Inter-Platoon Football Final, No. 13 Platoon were beaten after a hard struggle by the 4/7th Dragoons from Ghora Dakka by 2 goals to 1. No. 13 Platoon pressed the whole of the second half and appeared to be able to do anything but score. However, they were very game losers, and with a little luck might have pulled it off. The medals were presented by Mrs. Baxter at the conclusion of the game.

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The Company Cross-Country Run for the Platoon Championship took place on the 22nd July, over 4 miles of real hard and heavy ground, the course being around Ghora Dakka and home. There was a big field. Sjt. Fairley and Fus. Coxen, who made the running the whole way, were level within one hundred yards of the finish, when Fairley broke away and won by 10 yards. Lce.-Cpl. McNichol came 3rd. No. 15 Platoon were the winners, with No. 14 Platoon a good second.

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We were very much indebted to Sjt.-Major Bishop, of the Royal Scots Greys, who is on leave visiting his wife and family in Khanspur, for some excellent revolver instruction during the firing of our Webley Pistol Course. For two years in succession he has taken 2nd place in the Army in India Championship for revolver shooting. We wish him the best of luck in his third attempt to carry off the premier honour in the meeting which takes place at Meerut in a few months' time. We were not content with his exhibition of Service Shooting, but introduced a side-show in the way of "Cigarette Slicing," etc., at various ranges and arranged in

No. 7 Platoon, "D" Company.

WINNERS OF REGIMENTAL INTER-PLATOON "MARCH AND SHOOT" COMPETITION, NOWSHERA, 1927.

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varying orders. With his assistance we were enabled to put on 8 points on last year's average, and, incidentally, our own C.S.M. pulled off a "distinguished" in the course, with just the extra touch needed.

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Since the completion of Musketry and Sport, many of the men have availed themselves of the opportunity of visiting Murree, which is only 17 miles away.

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The Advance Party of "C" Company, under Lieut. Brewster, have arrived. We leave here on the 28th July to return to Nowshera, and have enjoyed the company of all Detachments, the 5th Inniskilling Dragoon Guards and "E" Battery R.H.A.

Record of Events at Khanspur.

Cross-Country Run (Platoon Championship).

No. 15 Platoon	221 points.
No. 14 Platoon	253 ,,
No. 16 Platoon	291 ,,
No. 13 Platoon	457 ,,

First man home, Sjt. Fairley (No. 15 Platoon).
Second man home, Fus. Coxon (No. 16 Platoon).
Third man home, Lce.-Cpl. McNichol (No. 14 Platoon).

Cricket (Platoon Championship).

No. 15 Platoon beat No. 14 Platoon.
No. 14 Platoon beat No. 16 Platoon.

League won by No. 15 Platoon.

Hockey (Platoon Championship).

No. 14 Platoon 1 goal	*versus*	No. 13 Platoon 0.
No. 14 Platoon 2 goals	*versus*	No. 15 Platoon 1 goal.
No. 14 Platoon 3 goals	*versus*	No. 16 Platoon 0.
No. 13 Platoon 1 goal	*versus*	No. 16 Platoon 0.
No. 15 Platoon 1 goal	*versus*	No. 16 Platoon 0.
No. 15 Platoon 3 goals	*versus*	No. 15 Platoon 0.

League won by No. 14 Platoon.

Inter-Platoon Garrison Football Final.

4/7th Dragoon Guards, 2 goals *versus* No. 13 Platoon, 1 goal.

Friendly Football Fixture.

"D" Company 2nd Fifth Fusiliers 4 goals *versus* Detachment 5/6th Dragoons 1 goal.

Tennis.

1st Match.	Officers	109 games.
	Serjeants	100 ,,
2nd Match.	Officers	130 games.
	Serjeants	98 ,,

Officers' and Serjeants' Football Match.

Officers and Serjeants, Khanspur	3 goals.
Officers and Serjeants, Ghora Dakka ,, ..	1 goal.

Platoon Championship, 1926–27.

Sports—Team Events.

100 *Yards.*—1, No. 15 Platoon (Lce.-Cpl. Morfitt, Fuslrs. Proctor, Stephenson, Edgar); 2, No. 14 Platoon; 3, No. 13 Platoon; 4, No. 16 Platoon.

220 *Yards.*—1, No. 15 Platoon (Lce.-Cpl. Morfitt, Fuslrs. Edgar, Brooks, Stephenson); 2, No. 14 Platoon; 3, No. 16 Platoon; 4, No. 13 Platoon.

440 *Yards.*—1, No. 15 Platoon (Sjt. Fairley, Fuslrs. Cross, Lyons, Reddington); 2, No. 14 Platoon; 3, No. 16 Platoon; 4, No. 13 Platoon.

880 *Yards.*—1, No. 15 Platoon (Sjt. Fairley, Fuslrs. Cross, Arthur, Reddington); 2, No. 14 Platoon; 3, No. 16 Platoon; 4, No. 13 Platoon.

One Mile.—1, No. 15 Platoon (Sjt. Fairley, Fuslrs. Cross, Reddington, Whiteford); 2, No. 16 Platoon; 3, No. 14 Platoon; 4, No. 13 Platoon.

High Jump.—1, No. 14 Platoon (Fus. Watson, 4 ft. 11 ins.; Lce.-Cpl. Rutter, 4 ft. 7 ins.); 2, No. 15 Platoon; 3, No. 13 Platoon; 4, No. 16 Platoon.

Long Jump.—1, No. 14 Platoon (Fus. Watson, 17 ft. 4½ ins.; Lce.-Cpl. Rutter, 16 ft. 10½ ins.); 2, No. 15 Platoon; 3, No. 16 Platoon; 4, No. 13 Platoon.

Putting the Shot.—1, No. 14 Platoon (Fus. Watson, 34 ft.; Lce.-Cpl. Rutter, 33 ft. 5 ins.); 2, No. 15 Platoon; 3, No. 13 Platoon; 4, No. 16 Platoon.

Quoits.—1, No. 14 Platoon (Teams of 8); 2, No. 13 Platoon; 3, No. 15 Platoon; 4, No. 16 Platoon.

Final Positions.

1, No. 15 Platoon	22 points.
2, No. 14 Platoon	21 ,,
3, No. 16 Platoon	6 ,,
4, No. 13 Platoon	5 ,,

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Company Sports held at Khanspur on the 11th July, 1927.

100 *Yards.*—1, Fus. Watson, No. 14 Platoon.

220 *Yards.*—1, Fus. Watson, No. 14 Platoon; 2, Fus. Waters (38), No. 16 Platoon.

440 *Yards.*—1, Fus. Watson, No. 14 Platoon; 2, Lce.-Cpl. Rutter, No. 14 Platoon; 3, Fus. Coxon, No. 16 Platoon.

880 *Yards.*—1, Sjt. Fairley, No. 15 Platoon; 2, Fus. Cross, No. 15 Platoon; 3, Fus. Coxon, No. 16 Platoon.

One Mile.—1, Sjt. Fairley, No. 15 Platoon; 2, Fus. Coxon, No. 16 Platoon; 3, Fus. Cross, No. 15 Platoon.

High Jump.—1, Fus. Watson, No. 14 Platoon (5 ft. 1 in.); 2, Fus. Clifton, No. 13 Platoon (4 ft. 10 ins.); 3, Lce.-Cpl. Rutter, No. 14 Platoon (4 ft. 10 ins.).

Long Jump.—1, Lce.-Cpl. Rutter, No. 14 Platoon (18 ft. ½ in.); 2, Fus. Watson, No. 14 Platoon (17 ft. 8½ in.); 3, Fus. Cross, No. 15 Platoon (16 ft. 8 in.).

Putting-the-Shot.—1, Fus. Watson, No. 14 Platoon (34 ft. 4½ in.); 2, Lce.-Cpl. Rutter, No. 14 Platoon (33 ft. 5 in.); 3, Fus. Ward, No. 14 Platoon (32 ft. 4½ in.); 4, Cpl. Palmer, No. 13 Platoon (32 ft. 4 ins.).

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Dribbling-the-Football.—1, Fus. Marston, No. 13 Platoon; 2, Lce.-Cpl. Johnson, No. 14 Platoon.

Blindfold Race.—1, Fus. Siddell, No. 13 Platoon; 2, Fus. Brooks, No. 15 Platoon; 3, Fus. Wynn, No. 14 Platoon.

Boot Race.—1, Fus. Clifton, No. 13 Platoon; 2, Fus. Oates, No. 14 Platoon; 3, Fus. Robinson, No. 15 Platoon.

Three-legged Race.—1, Lce.-Cpl. Watson and Fus. Siddell; 2, Fus. Oates and Fus. Hillier; 3, Fus. Marston and Fus. Gibson.

Champion Athlete.—Fus. Watson, No. 14 Platoon (1st in 100 Yards, 220 Yards, 440 Yards, Shot, High Jump, and 2nd in Long Jump).

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COMPANY RIFLE MEETING.

Range, 300 Yards—Practice—15 Rounds in one minute.

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Lce.-Cpl. G. Rutter	37	Rs. 2

Cup for the highest Score.—No. 7076880 Fus. F. Ward (No. 1 Lewis Gunner), with a possible score of 45 points.

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Results of the Pool Bull Competition, open to all Detachments at Khanspur. Fired at Range, 500 Yards.

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DEPÔT NOTES.

PONTELAND CAMP,
22nd August, 1927.

On Monday, 25th July, we entertained Lieut. A. De Vergeron and Lieut. R. Quenard, from the French Military School at St. Cyr, to lunch in the Mess. We are most indebted to them for their kindness in presenting to the Mess an engraving of the Military School, St. Cyr in 1686, a photograph of which is reproduced in these notes.

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On behalf of the Mess we take this opportunity of thanking them for their kind gift.

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On 2nd August the Advance Party, consisting of May Squad, proceeded to Ponteland to pitch the camp for the Depôt, which marched out on the following Friday.

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Capt. Wombwell and Mr. Pringle accompanied the Advance Party, which was fortunate in having fine, sunny weather during the first week, when the strenuous tasks of pitching

FRENCH MILITARY SCHOOL, ST. CYR, IN 1686.

tents, digging drains and cleaning out sheds and huts took place. A photograph of their labours appears later in these notes.

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Most of the work, at the time the photograph was taken, appears to have been done by Captain Wombwell. A case of "Up, Guards! and at it," we think.

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The work was done most expeditiously, and by Thursday morning, when Col. Platt paid us a visit, all was in order.

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The weather, unfortunately, has behaved exceedingly badly since 7th August, and we have had some very heavy rain, notably on 8th, when the tents became uninhabitable and everyone had to remove hurriedly into the wooden huts close to those which our Territorial Battalions normally use when here for Musketry training.

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The following day the whole camp had to be re-pitched, and several fresh drains had to be dug before we felt really safe from future inundations.

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On the 12th we gave a farewell dinner to Capt. Arkwright,

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who has but lately left us and who is proceeding to Rhodesia on 25th August.

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Col. Cruddas, Capt. Fryer and Capt. Clayton also dined with

Photo] [*E. W. Gosman*

ADVANCE PARTY AT PONTELAND, 1927.

[UP, GUARDS! AND AT IT.]

us, and we had hoped that Major Wilkinson, Capt. Trenam and Capt. Gatehouse would also be present, but they were unfortunately all away on that date.

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We were particularly pleased that Capt. Clayton was able to dine with us that night. He has for the last four years been an invaluable Honorary Treasurer of the Aid Society's Annual Ball.

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Mention was made in last month's notes regarding Captain Arkwright's impending departure, but we would like to say again how sorry we are to lose him, and we take this opportunity of wishing both him and Mrs. Arkwright all success in their new life.

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Captain Arkwright has assured us that he will be only too pleased to supply us with as much tobacco as we can smoke at any time in the future.

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(P.M.C. please note.)

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A lengthy and interesting programme has been arranged for the period during which we are in camp.

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The weather has already marred the proceedings by preventing the 2nd day's rifle meeting being held on the 20th—this has been postponed until Saturday, 27th. On Wednesday, 17th, the 1st day's meeting was held, when the Professors' Stakes were competed for.

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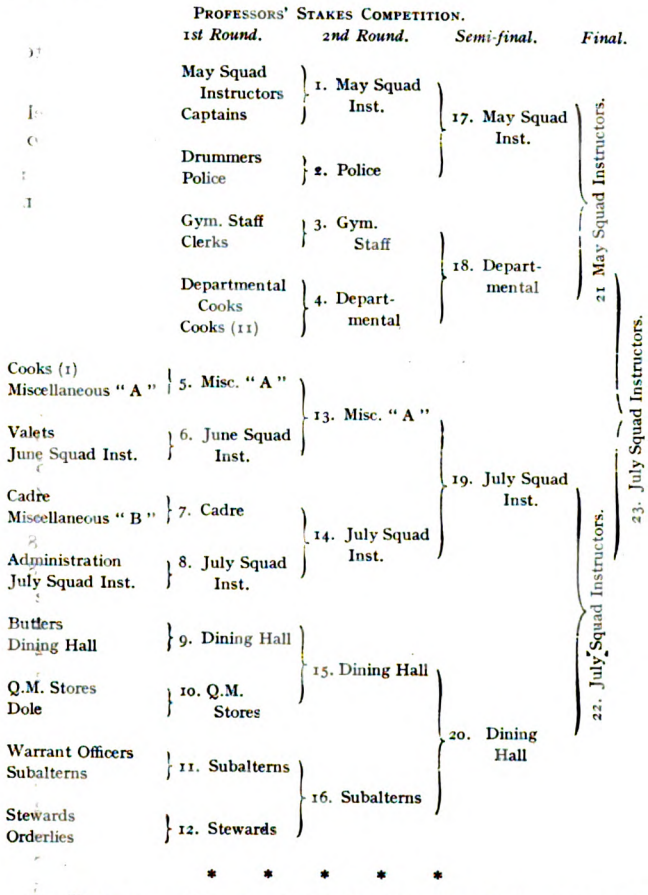
These were won by July Squad Instructors, who shot very well, the team consisting of Sjt. Peppiatt, Cpl. Smart and Lce.-Cpl. Flint. The results of the Competition are given below :—

PROFESSORS' STAKES COMPETITION.



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On Thursday, 18th, the Cross Country Run took place, and resulted in the Recruit Company securing the first three places, upon which excellent performance they are to be congratulated.

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The order of finishing was :—1st, May Squad ; 2nd, June

Photo] [*E. W. Gosman*

COMMUNITY SINGING IN CAMP, PONTELAND, 1927.

Squad ; 3rd, July Squad ; 4th, No. 2 Platoon, Depôt Staff ; 5th, No. 1 Platoon, Depôt Staff.

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Fuslrs. Butler, Carroll and Harnett, all of May Squad, who were 1st, 2nd and 3rd men home, respectively, ran exceedingly well for the Recruit Company. Sjt. Kirby put up an excellent effort on behalf of the Depôt Staff. He is by no means as young as he used to be.

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The time of the 1st man in was 20 mins. 30 secs. The Recruit Company thus score 24 points towards the Platoon Championship.

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The same evening (18th August) we held a Sing-song in the Canteen Hut, admirable arrangements for which were made by Mr. Bennett, who had all the choruses of the popular songs typed out, one copy to each member of the audience, as a result of which we were able to have some excellent community singing.

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It is unfortunate that we have neither the time nor the opportunity to raise a Depôt Concert Party of St. George's Minstrels, as there is considerable talent at the Depôt, and, what is more important, plenty of willingness to try, on all sides.

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We have our darker moments besides all those cheerful times which have just been mentioned. (See next paragraph.)

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The Physical Training Parade.

This begins at 8.40 a.m. daily, causes much stiffness and anxiety, and lasts for 20 minutes. Some of the Depôt Staff (this parade affects them only) state that they derive much benefit from the exercises. It were unwise to record the remarks of the majority !

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I suggest that our readers try the following :—Feet astride, arms bend, trunk forward bend, floor beat, returning to arms bend position. The exercise should be done about ten or twelve times, and the knees must not be bent. These exercises were, we are told, invented in Denmark. We trust that the inventor is " keeping nicely," and that he is safe in Copenhagen.

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On Sunday, 14th, and the following Sunday, 21st, the Depôt attended Divine Service in Ponteland Church. On the 14th we were most interested to hear from Mr. Langton, the Vicar, in the course of his sermon, that on 14th August, 1287, a Peace Treaty between England and Scotland was concluded in Ponteland Parish Church, and that the Armies of England and Scotland were camped opposite each other not far from where we are in camp to-day.

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To all North Country men such facts as these should prove of great interest.

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The County of Northumberland being the country over which most of the battles between England and Scotland were fought some 700 or 800 years ago—for example, Flodden and Newburn —is of great interest historically, and it is fitting that every Fifth Fusilier should know something of his County's past history.

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We welcome Captain Braddell to the Depôt as successor to Captain Arkwright, whom he has relieved as Officer i/c. of Administration.

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We have received a most interesting present of two flags captured at Omdurman in 1897 and brought home by the late Colonel A. J. B. Percival. We are very grateful to Mrs. Percival for her kind thought in giving them to the Depôt.

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Overheard in Camp.

A new cruiser, H.M.S. *Canvas*, is shortly joining the Atlantic Fleet from Ponteland, where she has been undergoing gunnery (hand piece) trials. Some remarkable results were obtained (notable on " B " Range), in spite of some heavy seas being encountered from time to time.—(Extract from *Ponteland Daily Wire*.)

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Scene.—School in Camp.

Instructor has written a sum on the blackboard, indicating that cwts. lbs. etc. are to be reduced to ounces. Having done the sum, the Instructor asks, " Is that correct ? "

" No, Serjeant ! " says a recruit ; " you've forgotten to add in the 2 ounces ? "

" Two ounces ? Where ? " says the Instructor.

" Why there ! Serjeant, ' *to* ounces.' "

Collapse of Instructor.

4th (T.A.) BATTALION NOTES.

Newburn-on-Tyne,

26th August, 1927.

During the past fortnight the stranger paying a visit to the Newburn Drill Hall might well have thought that he had lost his way, and had been directed to one of those vast steel works for which the Tyneside is so famed : on all sides could be heard the screech of files and the roar of blow lamps. To the keen observer, however, the feverish energy displayed by the workers would have shown that, contrary to his first impression, he was not standing in one of our great temples of industry, but was witnessing the thrilling spectacle of a Territorial Battalion endeavouring to polish transport vehicles (all frictional parts ?) which had never been polished, and were resisting to the utmost all endeavours to polish them.

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One Quartermaster is viewed with the utmost disfavour in local trade union circles for working a 12-hour day, also possibly in domestic circles for the same offences.

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The writer apologises for the meagreness of these notes, but all one's minds are so obsessed with our experiments in the higher branches of the science of metallurgy that he has thoughts for nothing else.

SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

On Sunday, 31st July, the Mess had their annual Outing, which consisted of a char-a-banc run to Redcar *via* Gateshead–

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Durham–Darlington–Stockton. The Committee must have been in touch with the Clerk of the Weather, as the weather was everything that could be desired. After a very enjoyable day the return journey was commenced about 8.45 p.m., arriving at Newburn about 12 midnight.

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Thanks to the efficient Committee for the excellent arrangements made.

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The Serjeants' shoot took place on the 19th instant ; this had to be carried out on the Miniature Range, owing to the Battalion Meeting being cancelled. The following are the scores :—

RANK AND NAME.	200 yds.	500 yds.	TOTAL.
R.S.M. S. C. Clarke	19	25	44
Sjt. T. Stamp	25	19	44
C.S.M. E. Mower	23	19	42
Lce.-Sjt. J. McHugh	22	14	36
C.Q.M.S. T. Brown	18	15	33
Sjt. J. Bell	19	14	33
Sjt. W. Mitchinson	19	13	32
Sjt. S. Veitch	20	8	28
R.Q.M.S. P. Connell	16	10	26
Sjt. G. Simpson	21	0	21
C.S.M. L. Stuart	8	12	20

HALTWHISTLE DETACHMENT NOTES.

We very much regret that no notes appeared for July from this source ; however, we will now attempt to rectify this.

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We have been to camp and survived all the forces of the elements—wind, rain, solar eclipses, etc. We now realise what a rotten time we must have had, but while we were at Ripon we thought we were having a very pleasant time, particularly when the Orderly Officer appeared in the lines with a bucket full of some dark coloured mixture.

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We congratulate "X" Company on again being Champion Company, and warn them that we are already preparing dark schemes to outwit them next year.

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Apart from periodical circulars marked "On His Majesty's Service," we have now retired from active militarism, and will probably not come out of our shells again until March, 1928.

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One of these O.H.M.S. circulars was really momentous—from it we gathered that Officers were quite in order in wearing trousers in their offices, but "the practice of wearing trousers in public will cease forthwith." This may no doubt be hygienic, but we rather doubt whether the civil authorities would welcome the sight of our Adjutant leaving Newburn Drill Hall correctly dressed according to this Order.

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We regret that the Battalion Rifle Meeting could not be held at Ponteland this year, but you should see us on our Miniature Range ! And we did see Hexham Show again this year !

Editorial Notes.

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Capt. P. Parmeter

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The following *Gazettes* are at the Printers awaiting addresses, having been returned by the Post Office as undelivered owing to addresses being unknown :—

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Lieut. W. P. Jones
Mr. J. Willing

NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS OLD COMRADES' ASSOCIATION (LONDON AREA).

24th August, 1927.

The sick list has claimed two distinguished members of our Association in the persons of Col. E. W. Dashwood and Mr. G. Redhead. Both invalids are making good recoveries, we are glad to say. Mr. Redhead, who was stricken with an attack of double pneumonia, has shown once more that fine example of determination and courage by which at his age he has defeated so serious an illness, and the O.C.A. may congratulate themselves on the return of so staunch a pillar of its Committee.

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The next General Meeting will be held in October. It is not possible to give the date yet, but arrangements are being made to hold it, if possible, on a Saturday so as to give the greatest opportunity to members to attend. The proposed rendezvous is Headquarters, Corps of Signallers, Calthorpe Street, London, W.C.

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We have always been at a disadvantage through not possessing a home of our own, and consequently being, as a rule, forced to hold our Socials and meetings in the middle of the week. Though the Veteran Club has been kindness itself in catering for our needs, their hall is naturally required on Saturdays.

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With these notes is a much delayed print of a photo of our St. George's Day gathering.

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The Association would welcome more recruits from the 1st and 2nd Battalions.

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The Annual Re-Union Dinner, on Armistice Night, 11th November, will be held at the Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate Street, E.C. 1. It is hoped that a large number will attend, and in order to facilitate matters to those who reside some distance from town our Hon. Secretary has kindly consented to arrange for accommodation for those who desire it and who give him sufficient notice. His address is :—Mr. H. J. Morgan, 224, Huntingfield Road, Roehampton, London, S.W. 15.

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR SONS OF ARMY OFFICERS.

War Office,

15th August, 1927.

It is officially announced that a limited number of boys may be nominated by the Army Council for admission to a competitive examination, to be held at Brighton College on 5th and 6th June, 1928, for one Gill Memorial Scholarship of the annual value of not less than £81, and several Gill Memorial Exhibitions of the annual value of £60. The total dues payable for a Gill Memorial Scholar amount to not more than £76 10s. a year. The Scholarship and the Exhibitions are each tenable for three years, and, on the recommendation of the Headmaster, the period may be extended to four years.

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Applications (accompanied by Birth Certificates and Certificates of Conduct covering the two previous years) should reach the Under-Secretary of State, The War Office, London, S.W. 1, not later than 1st April, 1928.

NORTHUMBERLAND.

Ah'm gannan hame the day !
Where's that, ye say ?
Eh, ma word, divvent ye know
Where Ah'm frae ?
Northumberlan's ma hame—
Ah wouldna blame
Ony folk for wishing
Tae sae the same.
My ! but the place is fine !
Often Ah pine
Tae view the land out by
An' feel 'tis mine.
Whaur land is wild and rough—
Ye've tae be tough
Tae stand the winter's cold.
It's healthy enough.
An' when the summer's come,
An' the bees hum
All among the heather,
Ah feel fair dumb
Wi' the beauty o' it all.
An' the whaups call
The sweetest, saddest note,
High ower the wall—
Ma own Northumberland.
Eh, man, it's grand !
Ah'm proud o' every inch—
Ye'll understand.

Leslia Newall.

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REGULAR BATTALIONS.

The following Gentlemen Cadets, from the Royal Military Academy, to be Second Lieutenants (dated 1st September):—J. A. Sperling, M. C. Speer, J. E. Lean.

Lieut. J. A. C. Kingstone is seconded for service under the Colonial Office (dated 3rd August).

The following is seconded for service on the Staff:—Lieut. H. A. Ingledew (dated 5th July).

TERRITORIAL BATTALIONS.

6th Bn.—Lieut. H. E. Wilson resigns his commission (dated 24th September).

7th Bn.—2nd-Lieut. R. J. Middlemas, from Cambridge University Contgt., Sen. Div., O.T.C., to be 2nd-Lieutenant (dated 7th September).

7th Bn.—Lieut. E. C. Grey, from 13th London Regt., to be Lieutenant (dated 24th September).

TERRITORIAL ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

7th Bn.—Capt. T. Ledgerwood, from Active List, to be Captain (dated 3rd September).

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Obituary.

RICHARD W. EVANS.

We regret to record the death, at Newcastle-on-Tyne, on 4th August, of Richard W. Evans, aged 39 years. His father, an Afghan veteran, served in the

RICHARD EVANS.

Regiment for 36 years, and young Evans worthily followed the family tradition by joining the FIFTH in 1905, being promoted Serjt.-Drummer in the 3rd Garrison Battalion, whence he was transferred on being invalided from the front through wounds. Discharged in March, 1920.

To his mother, who was for many years in the Regiment, and to his widow and relatives, we respectfully convey Regimental sympathy.

Regimental Notes.

1ST BATTALION NOTES.

BALLYKINLAR,
September, 1927.

Winter is upon us once more, and we are preparing to hibernate. Battalion training, which was continued at Ballykinlar instead of Bohill, finished at the end of August.

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Brigade training was done without troops at the beginning of September. Nineteen Officers and certain selected N.C.O.'s proceeded to Belfast. The Officers were accommodated at the Grand Central Hotel and the N.C.O.'s at Victoria Barracks. Each morning we proceeded in Crossley tenders into the wilds, and armed with screens performed the most astonishing evolutions. A never-to-be-forgotten occasion was the rear-guard action of "Z" Company, whose battered troops were taken from the sweltering inferno of the battle line in a Bentley, and racing along the road were hauled man by man head-first into a Crossley. Who can forget that heroic counter-attack of "W" Company, the pick of the storm troops of Down or Northland? that rousing British cheer as it swept down upon the astounded and disgruntled foe? Or, again, that terrible occasion when the enemy in a most dastardly manner, to the horror of all the Genevan Conferences, let loose a wasp on Battalion Headquarters. Halcyon days, but they are over. The yellow leaves are falling softly round us, and Winter comes.

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Capt. B. R. Newstead, D.S.O., M.C., has left us, to join the Fifth Battalion at Walker-on-Tyne. We shall miss him greatly. Capt. E. G. Pemberton has departed to Hythe, and Mr. Forbes-Watson to an Aerial Photography course at Farnborough.

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Capt. Newstead before his departure was successful in his Promotion Exam. "C." The following Subalterns are also to be congratulated in passing "A" at Londonderry on the 8th and 9th of the month:—Mr. Kilgour, Mr. Butterfield, Mr. Beckwith and Mr. Carr-Ellison.

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During the month we have received as a present to the Officers' Mess a very handsome Silver Cup from Capt. T. Stanton, R.A.M.C., who for the past eighteen months has been our Medical Officer. We thank him very much for his kindness, and hope that he will realise how welcome he will be whenever he pays us a visit in the future.

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The Northern Ireland District Athletic Championships were held on N.I.C.C. Ground at Belfast on 5th and 6th September. The weather throughout the meeting was very bad indeed, and had a very bad effect on the times. Indeed the grass track was little better than a morass.

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The first day was devoted to individual events, of which the bare results speak best for themselves:—

100 *Yards* (Challenge Cup).—1, Lieut. I. J. Kilgour, 5th Fusiliers; 2, Lieut. Fairbanks, Sherwood Foresters; 3, Pte. Norton, Durham Light Infantry.

220 *Yards*.—1, Lieut. I. J. Kilgour, 5th Fusiliers; 2, Pte. Norton, Durham Light Infantry; 3, Fus. Power, 5th Fusiliers.

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440 *Yards*.—1, Lieut. I. J. Kilgour, 5th Fusiliers ; 2, Lce.-Cpl. Humphrey, 5th Fusiliers ; 3, Fus. Power, 5th Fusiliers.

880 *Yards*.—1, Pte. Walker, West Yorkshire Regt. ; 2, Pte. Woodhead, Sherwood Foresters ; 3, Lce.-Cpl. Humphrey, 5th Fusiliers.

120 *Yards Hurdles*.—1, Lieut. C. E. Beckwith, 5th Fusiliers ; 2, Lieut. Clarke, Sherwood Foresters ; 3, Fus. Sherburn, 5th Fusiliers.

Throwing the Hammer.—1, Lce.-Cpl. Stobbart, 5th Fusiliers ; 2, Cpl. Walker, Durham Light Infantry.

Throwing the Javelin.—1, Lieut. C. E. Beckwith, 5th Fusiliers.

Throwing the Discus.—1, Lieut. C. E. Beckwith, 5th Fusiliers ; 2, Lce.-Cpl. Stobbart, 5th Fusiliers ; 3, Cpl. Spink, West Yorkshire Regt.

Inter-Unit Relay Race.—1, Fifth Fusiliers (220, Lce.-Cpl. Shields ; 440, Lieut. Kilgour ; 880, Lce.-Cpl. Rhodes ; 220, Fus. Power).

Open Relay Race.—1, R.U.C. "B" Specials ; 2, Fifth Fusiliers; 3, West Yorkshire Regt.

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The Three Miles, which counted towards the Unit Championship, was also run at the end of the first day. Lce.-Cpl. Latimer lay third nearly all the way, timed his effort with excellent judgment, and won easily from Pte. Woodhead, of the Sherwood Foresters. Cpl. Ross, 5th Fusiliers, was third. Fus. Macklam and Fus. Hawthorne, our other two runners, were eighth and ninth respectively.

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Fus. Hawthorne is worthy of special commendation. He was obviously in difficulties half-way through, and it seemed to spectators that he must fall out. However, he ran with great determination and courage, and finished strongly. As he gets older and stronger, he should make a very good long distance runner. Our victory in this team race gave us a lead of 5 points towards the next day.

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The second day was devoted to the Inter-Unit Championship. Again the bare results will show best the character of our victory :—

100 *Yards Relay Race*.—1, Fifth Fusiliers. (Team :—Fus. Sherburn, Fus. Irwin, Lieut. Beckwith, Lieut. Kilgour.)

Fifth Fusiliers led all the way and won easily. Time, 44 2/5th secs. Very good considering the track. Total points, 10.

220 *Yards Relay Race*.—1, Fifth Fusiliers. (Team :—Lce.-Cpl. Shields, Fus. Miller, Fus. Irwin, Lieut. Kilgour.)

A thrilling race. Lce.-Cpl. Shields led by five yards. Fus. Miller ran well to finish just first, but bungled the hand-over. Fus. Irwin was left third with nearly twenty yards deficit ; he ran into second place, and reduced the lead by about five yards. Mr. Kilgour started on what seemed to be a hopeless task, but cut his man down and won by about two yards, amidst tremendous enthusiasm. Total points, 15.

440 *Yards Relay Race*.—1, Fifth Fusiliers. (Team :—Lce.-Cpl. Humphrey, Fus. Jackson, Fus. Power, Lieut. Kilgour.)

Won very easily. Total points, 20.

880 *Yards Relay Race*.—1, Durham Light Infantry ; 2, Fifth Fusiliers. (Team :—Fus. Hood, Fus. Anderson, Cpl. Ross, Lce.-Cpl. Rhodes.)

The 68th led from the start, and though Lce.-Cpl. Rhodes made a gallant effort, he was beaten by about fifteen yards. Fus. Hood was running as a substitute for Lce.-Cpl. Humphreys, and ran very well. Total points, 24.

One Mile Team Race.—1, Fifth Fusiliers. (Team :—Lce.-Cpl. Latimer, Cpl. Ross, Fus. Macklam, Lce.-Cpl. Bellwood.)

Lce.-Cpl. Latimer ran very well, but seemed to be blocked at the finish, and unable to make his run. The other three were all well up. Total points, 29.

120 *Yards Hurdles Relay*.—(Team :—Fus. Sherburn, Lce.-Cpl. Stobbart, Lieut. Kilgour, Lieut. Beckwith.)

This race was one of the tragedies of the day. Mr. Kilgour handed over to Mr. Beckwith with a lead of ten yards. Mr. Beckwith had already won the individual hurdles, and was therefore a moral certainty. He had the misfortune to knock over three hurdles and was disqualified. Total points 29.

High Jump.—1, Fifth Fusiliers. (Lieut. Beckwith, Cpl. Purcell.)

Cpl. Purcell failed at 5 ft. 1 in., and Mr. Beckwith at 5 ft. 4 in. where he retired in favour of Mr. Clarke, of the Sherwood Foresters, for the individual prize. Total points, 34.

Long Jump.—1, Fifth Fusiliers. (Fus. Irwin, 20 ft. 8 ins. ; Mr. Kilgour, 20 ft.) Total points, 39.

Putting the Shot.—1, Fifth Fusiliers. (Lieut. Beckwith, 40 ft. 8 ins. ; Lce.-Cpl. Stobbart, 34 ft. 8 ins.) Total points, 44.

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We therefore very nearly swept the board, scoring 44 points out of a possible 50. The Sherwood Foresters and the West Yorkshire Regiment tied for second place, 12 points behind.

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The N.I.D. Golf Championship took place at Newcastle, Co. Down, during the week, 19th to 24th September. Colonel Herbert and Major Booth were unable to compete owing to absence, but the remaining golfers turned out to a man.

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In the Army Championship, Capt. Newstead fell a gallant victim to Mr. Kirby, the ultimate winner, at the 18th hole in the first round. Capt. Buckley and Mr. Macmullen were also out in the first round. Mr. Beckwith and Capt. Powell penetrated as far as the second round. Mr. Kilgour by dint of two walk-overs reached the semi-final, and also fell a victim to Mr. Kirby.

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In the High Handicap Competition, Major Chenevix-Trench, who had unearthed a putter (so rumour hath it), a relic of the Stone Age, defeated Major-General Ready in the first round. This aged implement (the putter) performed the most amazing feats on the green ; but later the heavy burden of its years overcame it, and its owner succumbed in the second round. In this competition Mr. Holdsworth-Hunt was defeated by the ultimate winner.

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Capt. Buckley scored our only success, by being second in the "Flag" Competition.

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In the first round of the Inter-Unit Championship, the Fifth Fusiliers easily defeated Headquarters N.I.D.

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SCORES.

Capt. Powell	6 up	*v.*	Major-General Ready	—
Lieut. Kilgour	3 up	*v.*	Lieut.-Col. Sandes	—
Lieut. Beckwith	6 up	*v.*	Capt. Sandford ..	—
Capt. Newstead	—	*v.*	Col. Rowan-Hamilton	9 up

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In the second round a thrilling match ended in a victory for the Sherwood Foresters by 1 hole.

SCORES.

Capt. Powell	1 up	*v.*	2nd-Lieut. Dennison	—
Lieut. Beckwith	all square	*v.*	Lieut. Fairbanks ..	—
Lieut. Kilgour	all square	*v.*	Capt. Shawcross ..	—
Capt. Newstead	—	*v.*	Lieut. Trefnell ..	2 up

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The Sherwood Foresters were in turn defeated by 1 hole by the Durham Light Infantry in the final.

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The FIFTH provided three members of the Army in Ulster team which was signally defeated by the Royal County Down Club on the last day of the meeting. Mr. Kilgour scored one of the two victories gained in the singles.

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Now that the cricket season is over we publish that bane of all cricketers, the averages. The following are the averages for Battalion and Officers' matches for the year :—

BATTING AVERAGES.

	Innings.	Times not out.	Highest score.	Total.	Average.
Capt. Powell ..	7	4	86*	225	75.0
Lieut. Macmullen ..	9	1	98	345	43.1
Lieut. Kilgour ..	8	0	127	225	25.2
Capt. Buckley ..	9	0	62	205	22.8
Sjt. Finnamore ..	4	1	29*	50	16.6
2nd-Lieut. Laing ..	7	2	27	78	15.6
Lieut. Butterfield ..	7	4	18	46	15.3
Lce.-Cpl. Pyle ..	3	0	23	39	13.0
Cpl. Purcell ..	7	0	32	78	11.1
Lce.-Cpl. Fairhurst	6	0	13	35	5.8
Cpl. Obey	4	0	1	1	0.25

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BOWLING AVERAGES.

	Overs.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wickets.	Averages.
Sjt. Finnamore ..	27	11	57	11	5.2
Cpl. Purcell ..	91	12	182	19	9.6
2nd-Lieut. Laing ..	81	11	267	23	11.6
Lieut. Macmullen	36	4	128	10	12.8
Cpl. Obey ..	60	3	199	12	16.6
Lieut. Kilgour ..	50	8	191	8	23.9

SERJEANTS' MESS NOTES.

Since our last notes nine of our members, in common with members from the Upper House, proceeded to Belfast to attend a Tactical Exercise.

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The cancellation of the Brigade Training also necessitated the cancelling of the many projected exercises with troops which were scheduled.

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The powers-that-be, therefore, decided to carry out a few of these exercises without troops,

Hence the exodus of nine of our members who were considered to be our most tactical representatives, to engage in battle, ready to do or die in support of their theories as to how the various situations should be dealt with.

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When our contingent returned and regaled the members with endless tales of how the battles were won and lost, many of the non-combatants were heard to express regret that they had missed so much glory.

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Even one member, usually so docile, was so imbued with the martial spirit that he gave an impromptu lecture on " Organisation, from a ' Q ' point."

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From the able manner he dealt with his subject, the general opinion was that at least in part the programme of resolutions laid down under the heading " Birthday " (for detail see previous issues) had been faithfully followed.

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A certain amount of satisfaction was derived from this most interesting lecture in the knowledge of the oft-repeated statement that anything under the sun can be had from the " Q " branch as and when the supply meets the demand.

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One of the party would talk of nothing else but the new style of bridging.

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After listening to him we are of opinion that in future land wars the passage of rivers (and presumably other obstacles) holds no terrors for our Army, particularly if this be-medalled warrior is one of the guiding stars.

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Our Shooting Team are to be congratulated on the performance they put up in the competition for the Ulster Challenge Shield.

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Although victory was not theirs, there is satisfaction in knowing that they took their defeat as sportsmen.

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While in no way wishing to belittle the performance of the winners, it is only fair to state that our men were the only competitors to use open sights.

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All others preferred to peep through various patterns of orthoptics.

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Steps are being taken to eliminate this handicap before the next contest is staged.

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Congratulations to C.Q.M.S. and Mrs. Ludford on the arrival of No. 3—a daughter.

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Congratulations also to C.Q.M.S. Carlin, D.C.M., on his elevation to Warrant rank.

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He joined us on the 12th instant from the Depôt, having handed over his duties at that station to C.Q.M.S. Lewis, who has been posted on a tour of duty.

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" Win or Lose " has been deleted from the list of battle-cries of competitors in the Billiards Handicaps.

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Mention of billiards brings to mind the fact that " Staker " will in all probability be a non-starter in the Cup.

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This is much to be regretted, as also is his serious illness.

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The situation is he became a victim to double pneumonia, and is at present receiving medical attention somewhere in the vicinity of Belfast.

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Our best wishes for his speedy recovery.

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" Harry " has promised to send him a book called " Billiards," so that he can theoretically keep in touch with the game.

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This rather suggests that " Harry " accepts a certain amount of responsibility for the training of " Staker."

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Two of our members are away collecting the Almighty Dollars, their occupation being described as " Busking."

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They were recently seen in Margate, but latest reports state that they have migrated to Worthing.

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Whether this is due to the fact that " Robert " has been too robust in his attentions is not definitely known, but is surmised.

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It may, of course, be due to the fact that they have located a richer seam in the latter town.

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Have they the authority of the " Busker's Union " to prospect in the said locality ?

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Or are they poaching on the preserves of others of the fraternity ?

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We trust that when they return they will have added to their repertoire many of the latest musical numbers.

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The results of Whist Drives held since our last notes are as follows :—

	Ladies.	*Gents.*
25/8/27.	1, Mrs. Chislett	1, Mr. Craven
1/9/27.	1, Mrs. Gale	1, Mrs. Rowsell (played as Gent)
3/9/27.	1, Mrs. Byrne	1, Drum-Major Hebbron
10/9/27.	1, Mrs. Ratliff	1, R.Q.M.S. Capstaff
17/9/27.	1, Miss Hemmings	1, R.Q.M.S. Capstaff.

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The Billiard World is very quiet at present.

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This is no doubt the calm before the storm of the contests for the Cup.

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One Warrant Officer has dispelled all prospects of his lifting the Cup by disclosing something like his real form in full view of the handicappers.

All that remains now is to see how the handicappers appreciated the situation.

" PACKY."

CORPORALS' CLUB NOTES.

The trooping season is now upon us, and in its trail it beings within the " fold " certain stages of excitement.

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It has been rumoured that a draft of twenty N.C.O.'s, comprised of Corporals and Lance-Corporals, are required for the draft.

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Ye gods ! the traffic around the Seniority Roll ! !

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The casual glance, the staring stare, the fidgety look, and the sort of I-don't-care look.

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Eventually the draft is selected, and a total of seven Lance-Corporals are on the list These are called " lucky devils " by the people who are supposed to have rendered their names as volunteers.

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We welcome to the " fold " Lce.-Cpls. Stockhouse, Bolam, Penaluna, Craggs and Gordon, on their appointment, and wish them the best of luck in their climb up the ladder.

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The N.I.D. Inter-Unit Sports were held on the 13th and 14th, and we heartily congratulate Cpl. Ross and Lce.-Cpls. McDonough, Humphreys, Bellwood, Stobbart, Rhodes, Latimer and Shields on their respective achievements.

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After the prizes had been presented, a " wag " was heard to say : " Nothing left to race for, nothing left to win—let's go home."

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We believe a lorry had to be chartered to bring all the trophies home.

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Several of our members are now indulging in excessive cycle riding. On Sundays, after numerous " turn-ups," " tune-ups " and washes, they can be seen leaving the camp *en route* for Castlewellan.

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The attractions of this village include a very steep hill where one can learn to ride on the downward slope or accept the consequences.

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Nevertheless, practice makes perfect, and we have a few members who can mend a puncture and ride a bicycle provided there is something or somebody to aid them in mounting.

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The bicycles obtained in these adventures are usually borrowed on the hire system, and consist of an old frame mounted on two wheels with a " Nayl-or " two and a few pieces of string to keep things together.

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For cases of emergency, L.G. spare parts can be relied upon and a surplus S.P.B. usually accompanies the expedition.

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The annual cleaning of the Mess has now been completed, and members have commenced the controversy as to who last used the door.

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The interior has been painted and the walls radiate freshness, while the new seats make the whole place seem more like home than it has ever seemed before.

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The N.A.A.F.I. have taken steps to ensure that we should not mistake the fold—an elaborate sign denoting to all and sundry where to find the backbone of the Battalion.

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The billiard table has been in great demand during the past month.

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An interesting handicap ran its course terminating with a rare fight between Cpl. Terry and Lce.-Cpl. Walton ("Z" Coy.), Cpl. Terry eventually winning by 18 points.

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The actual scores of the games are given below :—

BILLIARDS HANDICAP.

1st Round.		*2nd Round.*		*3rd Round.*		*Semi-final.*	
L/Cpl. Cave	68	Cpl. Terry	100				
Cpl. Terry	100			Cpl. Terry	84		
L/Cpl. O'Hara	84	L/Cpl. Dunne	72				
L/Cpl. Dunne	100					L/Cpl. Dempster	80
L/Cpl. Gooding	sc'tch'd	L/Cpl. Shields	75				
L/Cpl. Shields	w.o.			L/Cpl. Dempster	100		
L/Cpl. Dempster	bye	L/Cpl. Dempster	100				
Cpl. Tingey	72	L/Cpl. Leahy	100				
L/Cpl. Leahy	100			L/Cpl. Leahy	84		
L/Cpl. Frazer	100	L/Cpl. Frazer	84				
Cpl. Ross	41					L/Cpl. Walton	150
L/Cpl. Walton	100	L/Cpl. Walton	100				
L/Cpl. Pyle	92			L/Cpl. Walton	100		
L/Cpl. Ashton	bye	L/Cpl. Ashton	72				
L/Cpl. McHale	100	L/Cpl. McHale	sc't'd.				
Cpl. Woods	45			L/Cpl. Fairhurst	92		
Cpl. Higgins	71	L/Cpl. Fairhurst	w.o.				
L/Cpl. Fairhurst	100					Cpl. Terry	150
L/Cpl. Humphrey	84	L/Cpl. Smart	86				
L/Cpl. Smart	100			Cpl. Terry	100		
Cpl. Terry	100	Cpl. Terry	100				
Cpl. Sharpe	88						
L/Cpl. Anderson	94	Cpl. Graham	100				
Cpl. Graham	100			Cpl. Graham	100		
L/Cpl. Broadhead	70	Cpl. Taylor	48				
Cpl. Taylor	100					Cpl. Graham	138
L/Cpl. Turnbull	91	L/Cpl. Stobbart	86				
L/Cpl. Stobbart	100			L/Cpl. Crudgington	72		
L/Cpl. Crudgington	100	L/Cpl. Crudgington	100				
L/Cpl. Peacock	79						

Final.

Cpl. Terry	200	Cpl. Terry.
L/Cpl. Walton	182	

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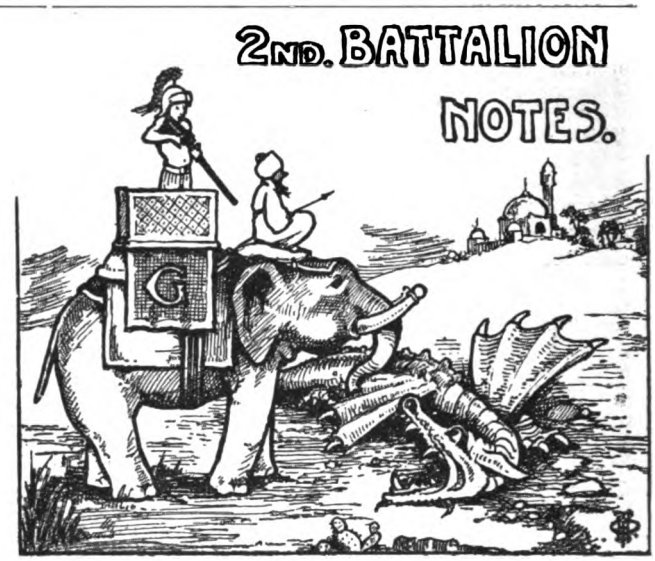

CHERAT,
August, 1927.

The beginning of this month saw the exchange successfully completed between "C" Company, under Major Critchley-Salmonson, from Nowshera, and "D" Company, under Major Baxter, from Khanspur. Those in Cherat are fortunately unaffected by moves, and can gaze down from their stony heights unperturbed for six months.

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We feel that Gulmarg should really write their own Detachment notes. Major Baxter, after handing over his Company to Mr. Earle, collected his family at Khanspur and proceeded there early in the month. Colonel Kershaw, having cast off the heavy armlet of G.S.O. 1 at Peshawar District, rejoined here for one day, and accompanied by Mr. Grimley and Mr. Humphreys started off to motor up the whole way. Both the latter left, declaiming "vitality supreme" or "nuts and goats' milk combined with Muller." From what we have heard it would appear that this part of the leave programme had been postponed to September.

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Mr. Tarleton leaves us to stay at Government House, Naini Tal, and Capt. Chipper sets off at once for a tour in Mesopotamia, or rather Iraq.

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Capt. and Quartermaster Maynard rejoined us from Srinagar, apparently quite recovered from his illness.

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As a result of the many days of heavy mist, the weather is again pleasantly cool.

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The King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry changed over their Detachment at the beginning of the month, and since then we have been testing our skill at games against their new Platoons. An Inter-Platoon Football and Hockey Competition, and an Inter-Company Cricket League are in full swing. At the moment we are holding our own well.

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The chief events of the month have been a Semi-Open Inter-Company Boxing Tournament and "A Fancy Fair." Both are fully reported by our special correspondent, and were a great

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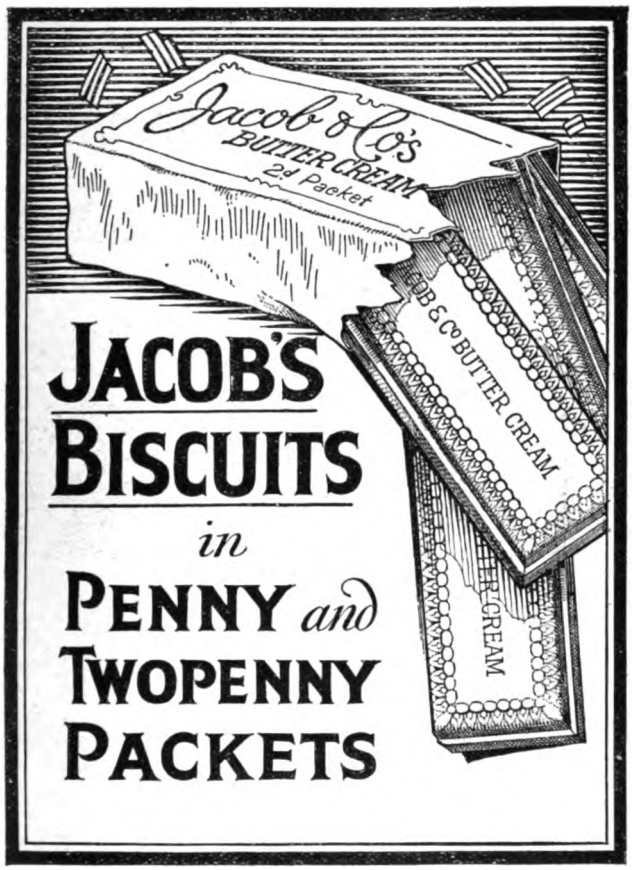

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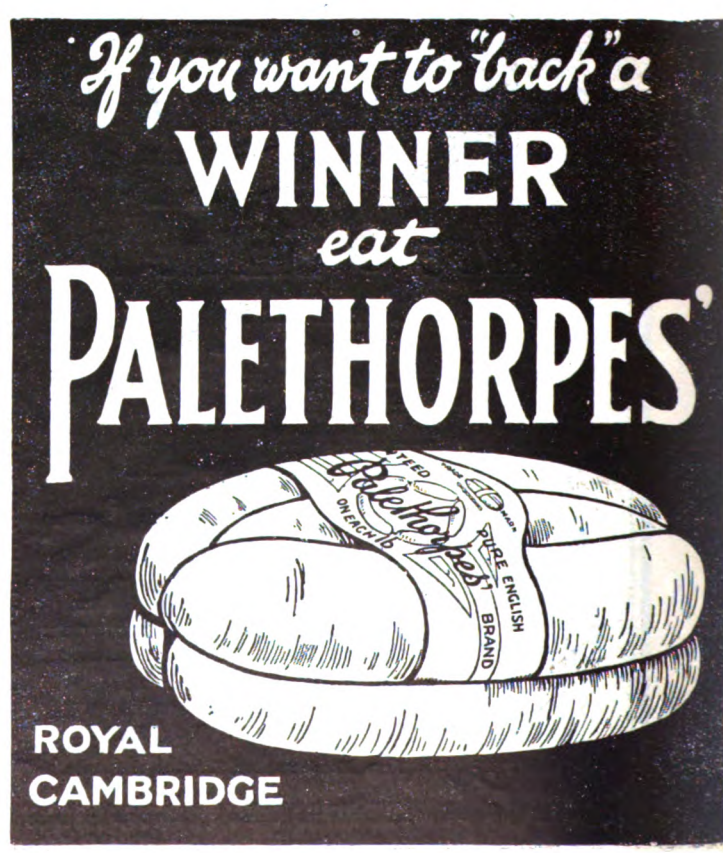

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success. We congratulate " B " Company on their well deserved win in the boxing.

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A Regimental Team has left for Mussoorie, under Mr. Bradford, to compete in the All-India Boxing Tournament there in September. Good luck to them !

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It is curious that since the war the tour of this Battalion in India has brought it to places all intimately connected with Regimental life of the past. Dinapore, where Nos. 1 and 2 Companies of the FIFTH under Capt. L'Estrange, on their way from Calcutta to re-inforce the Lucknow Relief Column, were met in July, 1857, by Vincent Eyre, with news of the grave peril to Arrah. Fyzabad, where we could so easily visualize the horrors of the Mutiny in Oudh, and close to Lucknow, with

PHOTO OF CHERAT, TAKEN FROM THE AIR BY No. 5 A.C. SQUADRON R.A.F.

the Residency and the Alum Bagh, so full of proud Regimental associations.

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The Regimental past in Nowshera and Cherat one can read of in the pages of *St. George's Gazette*, and things appear to have changed very little during the long periods intervening. This Battalion arrived in Nowshera in 1890, shortly after their return from the Black Mountain Campaign. The long daily account of this expedition written by *St. George's Gazette* " Special Correspondent at the Front " and published monthly, gives one a very intimate glimpse of the type of Fusilier and conditions of service at that time.

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A " Summary of Nowshera," published in their first notes from there, makes amusing reading to us. . . . " Nowshera is not so bad as we expected with the following drawbacks. . . . The polo ground is indifferent, the cricket ground worse, and the racquet court impossible, though the race course is good."

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It also appears that this Battalion were instrumental in laying the present golf course, for which some of us have much to thank our predecessors.

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At Peshawar, for two years they carried all before them in the " Assault-at-Arms." They, too, had their " Rustam stand byes." For two months half the Battalion were encamped at Hoti Mardan, the village by the first ford on the march to Rustam. During the hot weather Headquarters and three Companies used to go to Peshawar, three Companies to Cherat, and one to Attock, the remaining Company staying in Nowshera.

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Of Cherat, or life there, our correspondent tells us little. The only incident mentioned is the presentation of medals awarded by the Royal Humane Society to two Fusiliers for their gallantry in attempting to save a comrade from drowning in the Cabul River.

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The years during which we have had a representative Battalion in Cherat are as follows :—

1st Battalion—1870, 1871, 1908.
2nd Battalion—1891, 1892, 1893.

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As some are still of the opinion that Cherat is derived from the English word " tanner " corrupted into Ché Rats, it might be of interest to them to know that actually it comes from a Pushtu word meaning " a passage between two rocks." This passage can be found at the West End on the track leading down to Kamar Mela.

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Cherat was first used as a Hill Station in 1862, the local springs being pointed out by a villager, whose descendants still receive a pension from the Government in acknowledgment of the value of the information he gave.

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The first Regiment to use the station was the Black Watch, hence the name of Black Watch Hill, now occupied by " A " Company.

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For many years no buildings existed, and one can well imagine the discomfort tent life must have entailed during a hot May and June. Until the pipe line from Chappri was built in quite recent years, Cherat was none too healthy. Cholera was prevalent, as can be seen from the old graveyard in the West-End lines.

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The main road did not exist, and troops from Nowshera marched across country to Jallosai and thence through the "five villages" by Chappri. Families were carried in doolies, or a rough hammock slung on a pole with two coolies to carry it, the baggage being transported on camels and elephants. A relic of the elephant transport system can still be seen in a notice at the Cantonment "Pound," a police collecting yard for stray animals, the door of which, by the way, measures only slightly more than 4 × 2.

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Shortly before the war, plans were made out and approved for the expansion of Cherat on to the hill beyond the Married Families' Quarters. The outbreak of the war put a stop to this, the only construction being the road which encircles this area. Of the four cemeteries, graves of Fusiliers are almost entirely confined to that beyond the East End barracks.

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By the kindness of No. 5 A.C. Squadron, Royal Air Force we send with these notes an air photo of Cherat.

INTER-COMPANY BOXING TOURNAMENT.

CHERAT.

On 8th, 9th, 10th and 11th August we organised an Inter-Company Tournament, and made it Semi-Open in order that our neighbours, the K.O.Y.L.I., could compete.

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Throughout, the tournament was marked by the good clean boxing . . . splendid displays of ringcraft and other points in the fistic game were witnessed by the assembled spectators, and although there were over 50 bouts the Referee scarcely had occasion to even caution a competitor.

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The Cup eventually went to "B" Company, who had a majority of 7 points over "D" Company.

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The lighting arrangements were in the capable hands of Fus. Coffey.

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Great credit is due to Cpl. Tulip, who for the past few months has been instructing the Boys, all of whom gave an excellent display in the ring. Without a doubt they are coming Army boxers.

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Capt. Butt and Mr. Walker, of the K.O.Y.L.I., kindly consented to act as Referees throughout the tournament.

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The Band, too, did their share . . . each evening prior to the commencement of boxing they entered the ring and played several popular airs, which were much appreciated, especially by the numerous exponents of the "Charleston" which the Battalion now possesses.

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On the third evening, Col. Kershaw came up from Peshawar to witness the Semi-finals and Finals, and to present the Cups, but before the programme was half way through we were in the throes of a very heavy downpour . . . there was little hope of it abating, and so boxing had to be postponed until the following evening. The Colonel had managed to snatch a few hours from his duties as G.S.O. 1 and unfortunately had to return to Peshawar the following morning.

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The presiding officials throughout the tournament were :—

SIXTEEN HUNDRED FEET ABOVE CHERAT : AN AIR VIEW.
(Photo by No. 5 A.C. Squadron, R.A.F.)

Referees.—Capt. Butt, K.O.Y.L.I., and Mr. Walker, K.O.Y.L.I.

Judges.—Capt. and Q.M. J. H. Maynard, Mr. E. H. D. Grimley, Mr. E. O. Martin, and Mr. K. O. N. Foster.

Timekeeper.—Capt. C. Chipper, M.C.

M.C.—R.S.M. Brockelsby, D.C.M.

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FIRST NIGHT.

Feather-Weight.—1st Series.—Fus. Wright beat Dmr. Fraser on points. Fus. Clarke k.o. Lce.-Cpl. O'Rourke in the 2nd round. Lce.-Cpl. Turner disposed of Lce.-Cpl. Robinson in the 2nd round. Lce.-Cpl. Birch beat Bglr. Birch on points. Fus. Oakes beat Dmr. De Costa on points. Fus. Forrest beat Fus.

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Marshall on points. Pte. Hargreaves k.o. Fus. Wynn in ths opening round. Dmr. Antcliffe administered the k.o. to Pte. Saville in the second round.

Bantam-Weight.—1st Series.—Fus. McMullen k.o. Fus. Davis in the 2nd round.

Light-Weight.—1st Series.—Fus. Wright k.o. Pte. Charters in the 1st round. Cpl. Punton k.o. Fus. Walden in the opening round. Fus. Wilkes k.o. Lce.-Cpl. Castleton in the 1st round. (It should be mentioned here that hardly three months ago Fus. Wilkes was lying in hospital dangerously ill.) Cpl. Jacobs beat Fus. Fawcett on points.

Welter-Weight.—1st Series.—Fus. Suggitt beat Pte. Davenport on points. Lce.-Cpl. Shotton k.o. Pte. Farmer in the 2nd round. Fus. Smith (69) k.o. Fus. Smith (94) in the 2nd round. Fus. Nicholson k.o. Fus. Bloomfield in the 1st round. Fus. Catterick k.o. Bdsmn. Davis in the opening round. Dmr. Ross beat Lce.-Cpl. Wilson on points.

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SECOND NIGHT.

Middle-Weight.—1st Series.—Fus. Murphy disposed of Fus. Black in the 1st round.

Welter-Weight.—2nd Series.—Fus. Laverick beat Fus. Wilson, the latter having to retire owing to an injured back. Lce.-Cpl. Shotton k.o. Fus. Suggitt in the 1st round. Fus. Smith (69) beat Fus. Nicholson on points. Fus. Catterick was awarded the contest against Dmr. Ross, who had to scratch on medical grounds.

Light-Weight.—2nd Series.—Fus. Metcalfe k.o. Fus. Simmons in the 2nd round. Fus. Cross k.o. Sjt. Chambers in the final round. Fus. Wright k.o. Cpl. Punton in the opening round.

Boys' Individual Competition.—8 st. 9 lbs. to 10 st. 2 lbs.—Boy Winter beat Boy Seal on points. Boy Abbott beat Boy Allan on points.

Boys' Individual Competition.—6 st. 6 lbs. to 6 st. 12 lbs.—Final, Boy Brooks beat Boy Spencer. 6 st. 13 lbs, to 7 st. 10 lbs. —Final, Boy Massey beat Boy Smythe on points.

Light-Weight.—2nd Series.—Cpl. Jacobs k.o. Fus. Wilkes in the 2nd round.

Feather-Weight.—2nd Series.—Fus. Wright was awarded the fight owing to Fus. Clarke having to scratch on Medical Grounds. Lce.-Cpl. Hawkins beat Lce.-Cpl. Turner on points. Fus. Oakes beat Fus. Forrest on points. Dmr. Antcliffe k.o. Pte. Hargreaves in the final round.

Bantam-Weight.—1st Series.—Lce.-Cpl. Johnson beat Pte. Parker, the latter having to retire in the 2nd round owing to an old wound in the head opening. Lce.-Cpl. Wilkes beat Dmr. Allender on points.

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THIRD NIGHT.

Boys' Competition.—Boy Pappenden k.o. Boy Marsden in the 2nd round. Boy Winter beat Boy Abbott on points. Boy Lee beat Boy Dunn on points. Boy Dowdell beat Boy Tradewell.

Bantam-Weight.—Semi-Final.—Fus. Malone *v.* Fus. McMullen. Both men tried hard to get in a k.o. in the first two rounds, Malone missing on several occasions through swinging his blows. The 3rd round went to Malone, who ran out the winner by a small majority of points.

Lce.-Cpl. Johnson *v.* Lce.-Cpl. Wilkes. This was a good fight . . . the pair were evenly matched. . . . Johnson got the verdict through his persistent attacking in the final round.

Welter-Weight. — Semi-Final. — Fus. Laverick *v.* Lce.-Cpl. Shotton. The first two rounds were even. Shotton got in some well-timed blows during the last round, and this gave him the verdict.

(At this stage the Clerk of the Weather condescended to intervene, and before the conclusion of this fight the spectators had received a drenching. . . . Boxing was resumed on the following evening.)

Fus. Catterick *v.* Fus. Smith (69). Smith put up a splendid fight against a much more experienced boxer, and stood a deal of punishment. Catterick won on points.

Light-Weight.—Semi-Final.—Fus. Metcalfe *v.* Fus. Cross. Cross is a very clever boxer, and had the situation well in hand from the commencement. After the 1st round the fight became very one-sided, and Metcalfe stood a fearful amount of punishment. The Referee stopped the fight in the final round.

Fus. Wright *v.* Cpl. Jacobs. This was a meeting of fighter and boxer. . . . Although Wright got in some well-timed blows to the body and shook Jacobs on several occasions, the latter boxed his man and eventually ran out the winner on points.

Middle-Weight Semi-Final.—Cpl. Palmer *v.* Pte. Baddeley. This fight produced a pair of steady boxers. Palmer had the better of the exchanges in the 2nd and final rounds, and won on points.

Fus. Murphy *v.* Fus. Whitt. Murphy, a much experienced boxer, was far too good for Whitt, and in order to save the

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latter from receiving a most obvious k.o. the Referee stopped the fight after the men had been in the ring a minute.

Feather-Weight.—Semi-Final.—Lce.-Cpl. Hawkins *v.* Fus. Wright. There was nothing to choose between the pair, both men boxed well. Hawkins won by a narrow margin.

Fus. Oakes *v.* Dmr. Antcliffe. A splendid fight with plenty of hard hitting by both men. The first round honours were even. In the 2nd meeting Antcliffe seemed to tire, and Oakes scored on several occasions. Antcliffe made a rally towards the end of the final round, but he was too late. Oakes won on points.

Boys' Final.—8 st. 9 lbs. to 10 st. 2 lbs.—Boy Tappenden *v.* Boy Winter. A good fight, in which both Boys showed that they knew quite a deal about the game. Tappenden won on points.

Boys' Competition.—Final.—7 st. 11 lbs. to 8 st. 8 lbs.—Boy Lee *v.* Boy Dowdell. Lee was much the smaller of the two, but he got in some good blows on the point. Points were even at the end of the fight, and the Referee ordered an extra round of 1 minute. Lee did all the attacking and won on points.

Light Heavy-Weight.—Final.—Dmr. Hayton *v.* Bdsmn. Burns. Both men opened well, and some heavy blows were exchanged. Hayton had the advantage of the 1st round. In the 2nd round Hayton got in a terrific right to the jaw which finished the fight.

Bantam-Weight.—Final.—Lce.-Cpl. Johnson *v.* Fus. Malone. Malone left himself open, and Johnson took advantage of this, winning the fight on points.

Welter-Weight. — Final. — Fus. Laverick *v.* Fus. Catterick. Laverick put up an excellent fight against a much more experienced boxer, Catterick led on points throughout the contest.

Light-Weight. — Final. — Fus. Cross *v.* Cpl. Jacobs. This was one of the best fights of the whole tournament, both men being experienced boxers who understand the finer points of the fistic game. Cross was very clever in footwork, and avoided many blows and scored with both hands in return. The final round was the deciding one, for points were even at the conclusion of the 2nd round. Cross had slightly the better of the exchanges and won on points.

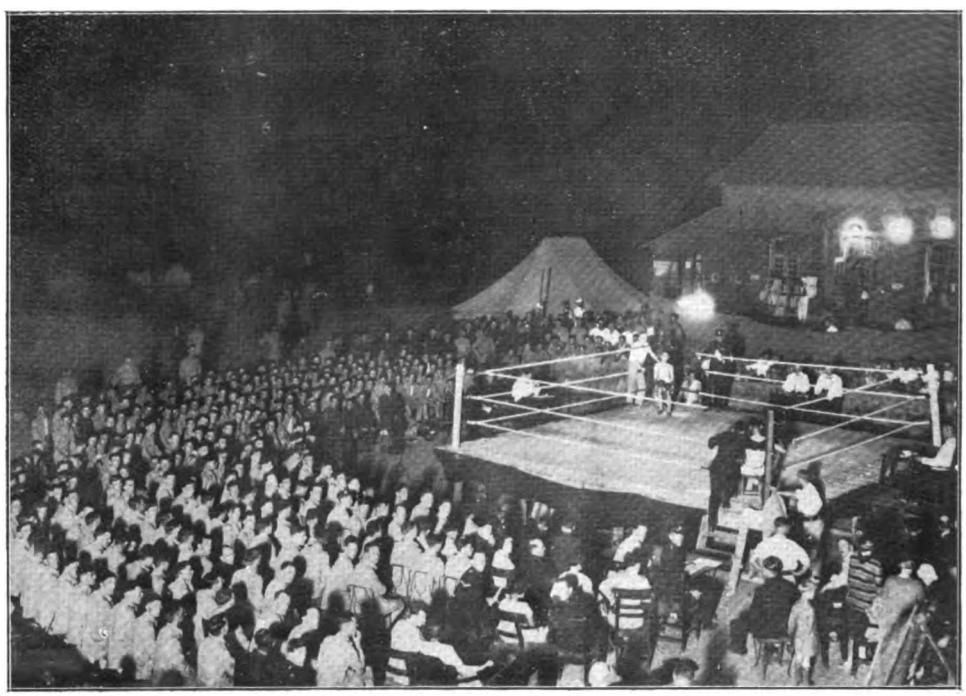
Middle-Weight.—Final.—Cpl. Palmer scratched on medical grounds to Fus. Murphy.

Feather-Weight.—Final.—Lce.-Cpl. Hawkins *v.* Fus. Oakes. This was the last fight of the tournament, and it was certainly a fitting conclusion. A very good fight. Both men boxed cleverly. In the final round Hawkins tired and allowed Oakes to get in several well-timed blows to the point and body. Oakes won on points.

Major O. B. Foster, M.C., presented the Cup to the winning team, and Cups to the individual winners and runners-up. He congratulated all on the good display he had witnessed, and said he could not remember having seen better boxing throughout any Army tournament. He congratulated Cpl. Tulip, Instructor of Physical Training, for the successful way in which he had trained the Boys, all of whom had given an excellent display of boxing. Three cheers were called for the Commanding Officer, and these were heartily responded to.

THE FANCY FAIR, 1927.

On the afternoon of Thursday, 11th August, the square resembled Hampstead Heath on August Bank Holiday. . . . During the morning and previous evening many stalls had made their appearance, and everything possible had been done to ensure a programme that would suit all tastes.



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Promptly at 4 p.m. the "Frothblowers' Band" marched round the square "playing" a "march," which told everybody that the Fair was "officially" declared open.

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At this hour a large crowd had gathered, and all the stallholders vied with each other in an effort to secure customers.

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For the marksmen there was the Man-in-the-Barrel (Fuslrs. Walton and Butler) and the Cocoanut Shies, ably under the supervision of Sjt. Leeder, who was dressed for the part and

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did not forget to live up to the fairman's prowess by nailing a few of the nuts on to the cups.

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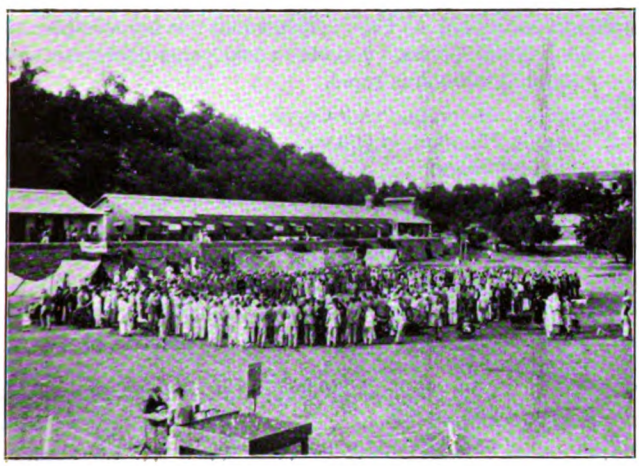
The gambling spirit was very prevalent, and C.S.M. Moon



FANCY FAIR, CHERAT.

was literally besieged for tickets in his lotteries. . . . The Cherat Lottery at 2 annas for Rs. 5 solely for those . . . who . . . " were the children of wealthy parents," . . . " New rate of pay wallahs," . . . " Ladies who are not allowed to squander their husband's pay," and THE GREAT LOTTERY (the Premier attraction of the Fair). . . . Annas 4 for Rs. 10.

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In the Gymnasium, " Wireless " had been installed, and for Annas 2 " one could listen to the marvels of wireless." . . . Mr. Tarleton made a capital announcer and Uncle Dick (2 L.O.). . . . Fus. Butler sang from BIRMINGHAM. . . . The Adjutant transformed himself into an Indian Gentleman, who spoke " pukka English . . . having for long time at Calcutta University been," . . . and the Savoy Orpheans gave a selection . . . (a good job that gramophone was wound up ? ? ? ?) . . . Prior to the commencement of each performance, Mr. Murdock " told the tale," . . . and lots of people believed him ? ? ? ? ? ?

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Lce.-Cpl. Birnie told Fortunes, and was lucky to escape alive.

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Tennis-serving proved a popular side-show, and Sjt. Parkins roared out the odds in a voice that would have done credit to a " Bookie."

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Sjt. Chapman and Fus. Godfrey had a stall that appealed to the football enthusiasts . . . for 1 anna one could take a shot at such people as " the finest goalkeepers in the world," as well as such nice people as Provost Serjeants, the man who discovered Rustam and Manki, the man who made out the allotment for the first boat, and the man who stole the grass from Nowshera.

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Sjt. Dolby tried to entice customers for his Greasy Pole, but trade was not very brisk, so he decided to open a stall where rings were obtainable at 3 for an Anna, with excellent prizes for those who succeeded in scoring over 21.

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Lce.-Cpl. Meggs and his Punch and Judy Show amused both young and old, and his performances were much appreciated.

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Fus. Threadkill and his assistant, Dmr. Langley, did tricks with a pack of cards, and were heartily applauded by the flabbergasted audience (both of them).

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Sjt. Hunter was kept busy supplying pegs for those who were sure they knew where that Hidden Treasure was.

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Sjt. Wasse, with his barrel of toys, was a popular figure with the children.

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Cpl. Tulip led his team of athletes into the arena like a gladiator . . . still, they all gave a splendid account of themselves, and brought a well-merited round of applause from the assembled spectators. . . . Fuslrs. Walton and Murphy, attired in " hardly gym. kit," showed us how EASY all the parallel bar exercises were.

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There were various races, exhibitions, musical chairs, and " Biting the Apple " competition. The Dog Show produced some splendid animals, as well as many who could only claim the name of " DOG " by the fact that they had four legs and a tail.

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The prize-winners were :—

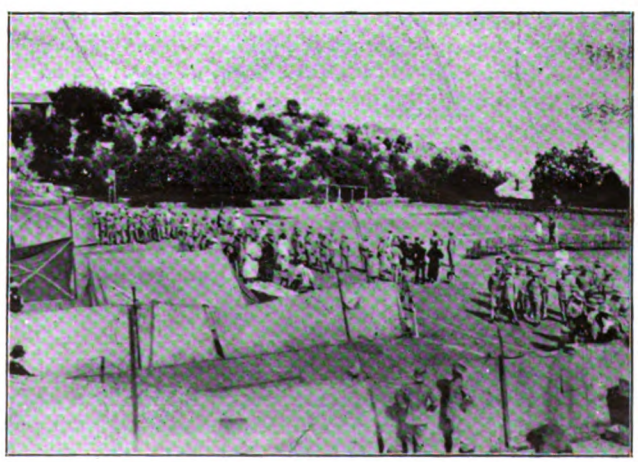
First Clown.—Fus. Walton.

Second Clown.—Fus. Murphy.

Handsomest Dog.—(1st prize) owned by Fus. Murphy ; (2nd prize) owned by Dmr. Hare.

Ugliest Dog.—(1st prize) owned by Fus. Davis ; (2nd prize) owned by Fus. Cooper.

Quaintest other Animal.—Lce.-Cpl. Birnie.



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Musical Chairs.—(Ladies) 1st, Mrs. Birnie ; 2nd, Mrs. Dixon. (Children) 1st, Stella Guthrie ; 2nd, Joan Coburn,

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Biting the Apple.—1st, Dmr. Lench; 2nd, Fus. Devlin.

Greasy Pole.—Dmr. Howard.

Buried Treasure.—(10 Rs.) Mrs. Hunter; (10 Rs.) Fus. Poultney; (5 Rs.) Miss Watson.

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At 8 p.m. the Fair was brought to a successful conclusion, and the prizes were presented to the winners by Major O. B. Foster, M.C.

4TH (T.A.) BATTALION NOTES.

NEWBURN-ON-TYNE,
September, 1927.

In view of the cancellation of the Battalion Rifle Meeting, which was to have been held at Ponteland on August Bank Holiday, it was decided to award the Ponteland Challenge Cup, the Stewart Bronze, the Inter-Company Challenge Bowl, and the Field Firing Cup, on the results of Company shoots on local Miniature Ranges. Points gained in these competitions will count towards the Adjutant's Cup.

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So far, "Y" Company and "W" Company have fired, and the results up to date of those who are still in the lead are appended:—

INDIVIDUAL..

Fus. Cross, "W" Coy.	88
C.Q.M.S. Brown, "W" Coy.	74
Cpl. Towler, "Y" Coy.	71
Sjt. Graham, "Y" Coy.	60
Capt. Charlewood, "W" Coy.	59
Fus. Hurst, "W" Coy.	58

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INTER-COMPANY CHALLENGE BOWL.

"Y" Company	221
"W" Company	198

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FIELD FIRING CUP.

"W" Company—Cpl. Delaney's team	80
"Y" Company—Capt. Hare's team	65
"Y" Company—Lieut. Clark's team	40

5TH (T.A.) BATTALION NOTES.

WALKER-ON-TYNE,
September, 1927.

Things are very quiet within the circles of the 5th Battalion. Everyone is more or less resting and, we hope, preparing to do battle next year again.

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The Battalion Rifle Meeting was held at Ponteland on the 11th September, but owing to the weather the numbers attending were small, but these were the enthusiasts and some good shooting took place. The following were the results:—

Recruits' Cup. Open to all ranks who fired the 1927 Recruits' Course. 7 shots at 200 yards.

1,	2nd-Lieut. C. R. I. Besley, "D" Coy. ..	24 points.
2,	Fus. A. Ward, "C" Coy.	23 ,,
3,	Fus. J. Winship, "A" Coy.	14 ,,

Old Soldiers' Cup. Open to all ranks with service prior to 11th November, 1918, in any Unit. 7 shots at 200 yards.

1,	Serjt. A. Anderson, "A" Coy.	35 points.
2,	Serjt. A. Hartford, H.Q. Coy.	35 ,,
3,	Capt. T. A. Carlile	32 ,,

Serjeants' South African Cup. Open to all serving members of the Serjeants' Mess. 7 shots at 200 yards deliberate and 7 shots at 200 yards rapid.

1,	Serjt. A. Anderson, "A" Coy.	60 points.
2,	Serjt. A. Hartford, H.Q. Coy.	56 ,,
3,	A/R.S.M. Tyrroll	55 ,,

Rapid Firing Cup. Open to all ranks in the Battalion. 10 shots at 200 yards rapid.

1,	Serjt. A. Anderson, "A" Coy.	25 points.
2,	C.Q.M.S. Hutchinson, "D" Coy.	24 ,,
3,	C.S.M. Nesbitt, "C" Coy.	24 ,,

Long Distance Cup. Open to all ranks in the Battalion. 7 shots at 500 and 600 yards.

1,	Lieut. R. H. Rooksby	63 points.
2,	2nd-Lieut. N. R. Giles	52 ,,
3,	Lce.-Cpl. T. Lewins	52 ,,

Past and Present Members. 7 shots at 200, 500 and 600 yards.

1,	Lieut. R. H. Rooksby	93 points.
2,	2nd-Lieut. N. R. Giles	82 ,,
3,	Capt. T. A. Carlile	79 ,,

Battalion Shell. 7 shots at 200 yards deliberate, 10 shots at 200 yards rapid, and 7 shots at 500 and 600 yards.

1,	Lieut. R. H. Rooksby	103 points.
2,	Capt. T. A. Carlile	93 ,,
3,	2nd-Lieut. N. R. Giles	82 ,,

Officers' Cup. Open to all serving Officers in the Battalion. Awarded to the Officer with the highest score in the Battalion Shell Competition.

1,	Lieut. R. H. Rooksby	105 points.
2,	Capt. and Adjt. G. J. W. Gatehouse ..	100 ,,
3,	Capt. T. A. Carlile	98 ,,
4,	2nd-Lieut. N. R. Giles	98 ,,

Reid's Sectional Challenge Cup.

1,	"A" Company Team	178 points.
2,	H.Q. Company Team	173 ,,

Field Firing Cup.

1. "A" Company Team.
2. H.Q. Company Team.

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We heartily congratulate Mr. Rooksby, Mr. Giles and Serjt. Anderson on their excellent shooting.

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We are all very glad to see our Commanding Officer about again, after his operation. So well is he now that he is attending the Northern Command Conference at York on the 15th September.

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7TH BATTALION NOTES.

ALNWICK,
23rd September, 1927.

Since the appearance of our last notes we are glad to be able to congratulate our C.O. on being gazetted Lieut.-Colonel (to date 16th February, 1927). We once more extend our best wishes to Colonel Robson, and hope that his period in command will be a very happy one for him and the Battalion.

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It also gives us the greatest possible pleasure to congratulate Colonel Wright on his double honour :—

(1) Promotion to Colonel in the Territorial Army, and
(2) Appointment as Deputy-Lieutenant of the County of Northumberland.

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We are sure that no one is better deserving of such preferment, and we are very proud of our old C.O. and new Deputy-Lieutenant. We have the comfort of knowing that should any one of us have to suffer the inconvenience and discomfort of death by hanging, it is one of his privileges as D.L. to be present at the execution !

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We regret to have to report that Capt. T. Ledgerwood has left us to seek his fortune in Australia, and has been transferred to the Territorial Reserve. Our best wishes accompany him in his venture in a new country, and we trust that success and prosperity will be his portion.

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A very successful Tactical Exercise was held at Rothbury on 10th/11th September, for those Officers who are taking their promotion examinations. A terrific Rear-Guard Action was fought in the neighbourhood of Calaly, and much learning swallowed—and, we hope, retained for future guidance—by all concerned.

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As a sequel, nine Officers are journeying to Lichfield, shepherded by the Adjutant, on 2nd October, to take part in the examinations on the 4th/5th. May all success be theirs.

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The General's inspection at Headquarters, Alnwick, took place on 6th September, although not really due until the 7th—but the General forgot the date !

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A surprise visit found the Adjutant in his office, properly adjutating all concerned, and everything O.K., and the inspection proceeded with due ceremony.

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The result was highly satisfactory, but the fly in the ointment (and there always is one) was that our Handle, Brake, Wagon, G.S. was only polished half-way down, whereas one of the other Battalions had polished all the way. Blacklegs !

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On Sunday, 25th September, we are having a final Musketry Meeting and Parade at Moor Laws.

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The Lewis Gun Cup will be fired for in the morning and early afternoon, after which the Battalion will form up and march past the Divisional Commander and through the town, prior to embussing for Home Stations.

The Lord-Lieutenant is expected to be present at the saluting base, as also are the Brigade-Commander, Colonel Wright and some of the Civic Authorities—Mayors, Sheriffs and representatives of the Councils, etc.—together with some of the employers of labour in the Battalion area, to whom we are indebted for getting our men to Camp.

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We hope the weather will be fine—as we have experienced Moor Laws " some " during the recent rainy season, and know what it can be like.

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Our strength to-day is 20 Officers and 566 Other Ranks.

" A " COMPANY NOTES.

Last month we lost one of our old Company Commanders in Capt. T. Ledgerwood—latterly of " B " Company—who has gone to Australia. We wish him the best of luck for the future.

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Lieut. W. Potts, we believe, has taken over " B " Company, and we know that our loss will be " B " Company's gain.

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We are glad to welcome to the Company once again Lieut. E. Grey, who used to be one of us before he transferred to the 13th London Regiment. Now that he has transferred back again, we hope his stay with us will be a long one.

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Our Drill Hall is at present undergoing great alteration, and we think it will be a vast improvement on the old one when completed. We are having an Officers' Mess, Serjeants' Mess and Billiard Room, and—best of all—a really fine Miniature Range, which should do much to improve the shooting all round.

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At present our rifles and Lewis guns, etc., are stored at the jail.

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We are looking forward to the final Musketry Sunday for the Battalion, at Moor Laws, and we are in hopes of bringing back the Lewis Gun Cup this time.

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During the month we have sent four N.C.O.'s of the Signal Section to Catterick for a course, and we hope they will shine there and come back brimful of knowledge.

Editorial Notes.

THE OLD MILL HOUSE,
PRESTON CROWMARSH,
NEAR WALLINGFORD,
September, 1927.

We are now in a position to supply Bound Volumes for the following years :—1890, 1891, 1895, 1896, 1897, 1899, 1901, 1921, 1922, 1923, 1924 and 1926. 10/- each.

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In the Hollandia Milk advertisements in this and subsequent issues will be found a coupon. From details of a very interesting Competition, with valuable prizes which the Hollandia people

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have given us, and which will be published shortly in this Magazine, we recommend that their invitation to cut out and keep these coupons should be accepted.

The slight trouble involved may be very well repaid eventually.

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We are asked to call to the attention of our readers the existence of the Salonika Re-union, which is a non-political and non-militant body, having as patron General Sir George Milne, G.C.M.G., K.C.B., D.S.O., A.D.C. Its headquarters are at the Veterans' Club, Hand Court, W.C. 1.

The principal object of this body is the Annual Parade at the Cenotaph, Whitehall, on the Sunday after the Bulgar Armistice (30th September).

Last year (3rd October, 1926) 2,000 (in addition to several Nursing Sisters and V.A.D.'s) took part in the march from the Horse Guards Parade past the Cenotaph and back to the Parade Ground, and at least double that number were present on the Parade Ground or in Whitehall.

Over 600 afterwards attended the Dinner at Lyons' Corner House.

It is hoped that this year (2nd October) an even larger number will attend both functions.

A second object is that of periodical meetings in districts partly in anticipation of the Annual Parade and partly for ordinary social intercourse and the revival of old friendships.

A third object is to provide a fund for the assistance of ex-members of the Salonika Forces.

All ranks, Navy, Army, Air Force, Nursing and Auxiliary Forces are eligible for membership.

The minimum subscription of 1/- per annum, barely covers the cost of postages. It is hoped that everyone will subscribe according to their means, but even the minimum will be gladly accepted. A badge can also be obtained for a further 9d. There are no paid officials and no office rent to pay.

Some who have been members in the past may possibly wish to cease membership, and, if so, it will be a great help in the work of administration if they will notify the Hon. Secretary and so save the expense of further notifications of local meetings, etc.; on the other hand, if they wish to renew their subscriptions nothing will give us greater pleasure.

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Letters to the Editor.

WHITE WALLS,
BROADSTAIRS,
28th August, 1927.

To the Editor of "St. George's Gazette."

DEAR SIR,

With reference to Col. Sturges' letter in the July issue of the *Gazette* regarding the crest of the 2nd Battalion at Cherat, it is a fact that half the Battalion was there in 1893, when the crest was carved, but I fancy that detachments from Nowshera were also there in 1891 and 1892. It may be of interest to know that the original sketch for the crest was made by Capt. F. C. Carter—the design of St. George and the Dragon being taken from the reverse of a sovereign—and that the actual carving was done by a Pioneer of the Regiment, whose name I cannot recall at this date, but which was inscribed on the rock.

REGIMENTAL CREST OF FIFTH FUSILIERS CARVED ON THE ROCKS AT CHERAT, PUNJAB, DURING SUMMER OF 1893. DIMENSIONS, 15FT. HIGH BY 10FT. WIDE.

I enclose a photograph of the crest.

Yours very truly,
S. M. BINNY, Lt.-Col.

8, HIGHAM PLACE,
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE,
30th September, 1927.

To the Editor of "St. George's Gazette."

DEAR SIR,

The Executive Committee, Northumberland Fusiliers' Aid Society, desire to acknowledge, with many thanks, subscrip-

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tions, donations, etc., received between 1st July and 30th September, as follows :—

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Yours very truly,

J. M. BETT (Lt.-Col.), *Secretary and Treasurer.*

BORDER SKETCHES—I.

It all happened very long ago, in the days of HIM who first converted the Jheel from public property to "strictly private uses."

It is fortunate that it happened so long ago, as otherwise this story might never be told.

Now the Stikki Khel and their brethren the Makki Kkel had grown too big for their chaplis, and their women and their young men said amongst themselves: "What is the British Raj. and its Army? Surely they have lost their pep? . . . Are they not here on sufferance? . . . has not our Honorary Malik told us so, by word and deed, time and time again? Do not our clansmen hold their posts for them? Do they dare to come outside their wire?"

And it was so that the Army—British and Indian—abided by the word of Stikki P.A. and avoided cause for provocation until there was not room in the same territory for the Chaplis of the tribesmen and for the Army boots.

But it came to pass that there was a relief, and the relieving Indian Regiment had its own ideas on the subject of sufferance.

Now, the new Regiment was a Regiment of stolid, solid, stout-hearted countrymen, slow to anger, slow to cool therefrom, confident in themselves and their Officers, and knowing the Frontier of old in even less pleasant places.

Their views were dramatically opposed to those held by the Stikki and Makki Khel and the latter's Honorary Malik, as will be seen from the following table :—

The Regiment held that—

1. They were quartered in this territory on the Sufferance of the British Government.
2. That inside their wire was as the inside of the tribal villages and any interference was resented.
3. That outside wire and villages all men were equal.
4. That fresh air and exercise was good for all ranks.
5. That their presence ensured that the local villager could gather his crops in peace and that the locals had need of better manners.

The Makki and Stikki Khel and their Honorary Malik held—

1. That the troops were there only on sufferance of the tribesmen ;
2. Must stay inside their wire ;
3. Must support local industries and pay any prices asked.
4. Were fit subjects for many practical jokes the younger tribesmen might feel inclined to play, but that any reprisal would be out of place and a matter for their Honorary Malik to take up officially.

The stage being thus cleared, almost immediately after the completion of the relief, the younger Stikki and Makki Khel proceeded to put the new Regiment in their proper place.

Choosing a dark night, several young men crept cautiously up to an outlying picquet and began an intermittent bombardment from cover, with pieces of rock and stones.

Hoping that the missiles would be taken for bombs, and that a burst of rifle fire from the post would score them 2 points in the game, they trustfully continued making excellent practice on the tin roof of the post for some ten minutes.

Complete absence of response caused the entertainment to fall rather flat, as moments sped by.

It was raining, the Stikki Khel was getting very damp, arms were getting tired and the number of suitable sized rocks available under cover was running out. One of the Kkels, in searching for more ammunition, dislodged a pebble. The vicious hiss past his left ear of a Verey Light fired at close range from behind and downhill disclosed the fact that he was against the sky line to someone who didn't like him, and that in some way his retreat had become imperilled. Like a flash the Khel dived to cover on his right and down hill, exposing himself, however, in the flare of the first Verey Light as he did so. The "whoosh" of a second Verey Light—from the post this time—which grazed his shoulder, convinced him that for the time being practical jokes were off, and he shot down the hill zig-zagging like a snipe from cover to cover. Retreat is infectious, and he was joined in a rapid withdrawal by two more of his friends. As they got up to bolt a third Verey Light hiccoughed by them from their right flank. Then all was silence.

It was decided by the younger Khel, in Jirgah, that something new in the practical joke line must be thought out ; interference with picquets at night was off. As days went by it was noticed that far from staying inside their wire, little groups of four and five Indian soldiers, whilst carefully avoiding any ground which overlooked the tribal villages or women's watering places, passed the wire each evening and spread over the hills above the posts, laughing, chatting, and chaffing as soldiers do. Even the very followers came outside the wire.

Gunga Das, Regimental bhisti, knew of some fine sand most suitable for polishing lotus, in a nala above the post. As the shadows lengthened in the evening he slowly made his way up the nala, grumbling and grunting his disgust at the steepness of the slope.

Gul Akbar, Makki Khel, watching his uncle's goats some 400 feet above the nala, spied him and recognised a suitable subject for a practical joke. Hastily beckoning to his cousin, Mohammed Jan, to join him in the fun, he hurled a pebble at Gunga with great vigour and accuracy. Gunga ceased his polishing and took cover, further pebbles were discharged at him.

Suddenly stones arrived from above between Gul Akbar and Mohammed Jan, who started as if stung. Looking up they saw the grinning faces of four Indian soldiers sitting on a spur some 200 feet above them.

Gul Akbar stooped, and picking up another stone looked back at the soldiers. Two of them were apparently picking up stones. Gul Akbar hesitated a moment, and then scored an outer on Gunga. The soldiers registered two misses so close to Gul Akbar and his companion that they seemed to him to have purposely missed them. Gul Akbar hesitated, and then picked up another stone. Looking round he saw all four soldiers picking up stones and five more soldiers on a small khud further to the left also picking up stones. Gul Akbar thought a moment and then dropped his stone and whistled to his goats.

The soldiers dropped their stones and seeing that Gul Akbar and his companion were taking no further interest in Gunga ceased to take any interest in the Makki Khels, who drew off with dignity. Gunga resumed his polishing and the soldiers their walk. Next day the highest points of the hills and their slopes were covered with groups of soldiers climbing, walking, resting ; and several more followers were busy in the nala.

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No stones were thrown, however, and it was noticeable from that day forth, that the Makki and Stikki Khels when meeting the Officers of the Regiment out for a walk no longer adhered to their former truculent and somewhat provocative attitude of requiring the whole path for their own use, but regarded the Officers and men at any rate as of equal merit, and in some, and gradually increasing, cases actually salaamed the Officers.

The chaplis of the Makki and Stikki Khels no longer pinched, and an era of mutual respect and toleration ensued, and remained even after the relief of the Regiment.

The incidents above mentioned were never brought to the notice of the Stikki P.A. The Khels didn't, because they had a strong sense of humour, and doubted the sense of humour of the P.A.; the Regiment didn't, because there was really nothing to bring to his notice, and secondly because they never met the P.A., who did not mix with soldiers.

"GRENADIER."

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

II.—OUTSIDE PLAY.

Attack.—As will be realised, we hope, by anyone who read the first article, the duty of the outsides is to make ground up the field when they have been given the ball by the forwards. In order to do this, they must constantly bear in mind that they have got to RUN STRAIGHT, and not across the field. The first reason for this is that obviously more ground is made by someone running straight up the field than by one running parallel to the goal-line, and the second reason is that although the ground looks wide enough before you get on to it, it becomes all too narrow once you are there, and there is great danger of the wing three-quarter being crowded into touch before he has a chance of getting going. But there is yet another reason, and that is that it makes the tackling much more difficult for the other side if you have both sides of the field open to you. Each outside is marked by his opposite number, and there is the full-back waiting for him too, so someone in the line has got to pass two opponents at least before a try can be scored. The commonest way of doing this is to dodge them by means of a swerve or side-step. But if you are running across the field your opponent knows you cannot swerve one way without coming straight into his arms, and so he is on the look-out for your swerving the other way. Whereas if you are heading straight up the field you are liable to swerve either way, and with reasonable luck he will guess wrong. The only player who may have to run across occasionally is the fly-half, who sometimes receives the ball when he is immediately behind the scrum and cannot avoid it in any other way; but in that case he must be careful to straighten out again at the first possible moment, or he will have his whole line moving across with him.

Having started off straight the next thing to do is to DRAW YOUR MAN, that is to say to make sure that your opposite number has gone so far towards tackling you that it is impossible for him to recover himself and go for the next man in the line when you pass the ball on. This sounds easy, but actually is the hardest thing of all, as it not only means looking both ways at once—at your tackler and at the man you are passing to—but it means timing your pass to a fraction of a second. Having chosen your moment you pass HARD and LOW, not a lob that can be intercepted by any opponent that moves up quickly. Good passing is simply a matter of practice, but it takes a great deal of it. A good pass should travel parallel with the ground and hit the other man hard in the stomach so that he instinctively doubles up on to it; it should be made with the arms almost straight, and the force should come from the wrists and fingers as the ball slides off them. Don't throw it out, but swing it out. The easiest way of getting the motion is to hold the ball with your fingers straight down it and your hands as much under it as possible; then imagine that you have a string in your teeth with a weight on the end and try to swing the weight over your shoulder. You will find your arms swing out the ball just as it should go.

Our space for the Attack is nearly full, so we must leave the rest of the points to discover themselves, and content ourselves with saying that if you see an opening, a chance to break through the other side's line and get behind them, you must go for it for all you are worth, and when you are through pass the ball on to the man who has backed you up. If you bring it off you are a lucky fellow, and the resulting try will be your work.

Defence.—The outside's duty in defence is to stop his opposite number getting through, if possible to stop him passing too. But if everyone succeeded in doing that the full-backs would not be needed, and yet they have plenty to do. The only way to stop your opponent when he has got the ball is to collar him and to do that you must forget all about the ball and GO FOR THE MAN, and go for him so hard that if you hit him he goes down suddenly. It is no good trying to embrace him round his neck as he will probably hit you in the face, which he is allowed to do provided he keeps his hand open, and an open hand on the nose hurts just as much as the knuckles. If he is too kind to do that, he will duck you and it will be you and not he that comes down suddenly. The good tackle is aimed at the hips and at the moment of impact both your feet should be off the ground; that is to say, you do not pull your man down, but you dive at him and knock him down with your shoulder. If he passes before you get to him, well and good, you may be in time to take the next man and so give your side an extra man over. But be sure he has passed, as a common trick is to Sell the Dummy, or to pretend to pass without letting go of the ball, in the hopes that the tackler will be induced to move on to the next man and so leave a gap in his line, and to Buy the Dummy is the greatest ignominy that can befall an outside, hence the caution to go for the man and not the ball. If you put him down he is at least out of action for that particular movement, and you have done all that can be expected of you.

The other thing you will have to defend against is dribbling, Bad dribbling is not difficult to counter, the ball is kicked so far ahead that you have time to gather it up, but good dribbling where the ball is kept close is more difficult and the only thing to do is to FALL ON THE BALL. To do this you must once more dive, this time right on to the ball so that you smother it; it sounds dangerous, but as a matter of fact is not, for the closer the dribbler the more certain you are to fall on his foot as well as the ball and the more certain he is to turn a somersault right over you. Good falling must be done without hesitation as every second you hesitate means so much more ground gained by the other side, and that is a calamity. When you have learnt to time and judge your falling train yourself always to fall so that the ball lies between you and your own goal, then any of your forwards who are there quickly can heel it out easily while the others have to get it over your body first. A good rule to make is never to attempt to gather a ball that has passed you, as you will probably fail and only help it along in the direction your opponents want it to go; when it is coming towards you you may be able to gather it, but when it is going away, never, unless the other side are very slow or very lazy.

Finally, both in tackling and falling keep your feet well away and DIVE.

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A REGIMENTAL PAPER FOR THE "OLD AND BOLD."

"Quo fata vocant."

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THE OLD MILL HOUSE,

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TERRITORIAL BATTALIONS.

4th Bn.—Officer Cadet J. A. Davison, from Oxford Univ. Contgt., Sen. Div. O.T.C., to be 2nd-Lieutenant (dated 12th October, 1927).

5th Bn.—2nd-Lieut. D. E. Rowe (Lieut. Res. of Officers) to be Lieutenant (dated 24th April, 1927).

5th Bn.—Capt. G. J. W. Gatehouse vacates the appointment of Adjutant (dated 3rd October, 1927).

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Regimental Notes.

1ST BATTALION NOTES.

BALLYKINLAR,

23rd October, 1927.

Our change from summer to winter is complete, but we cannot say that we have yet got into our stride. As far as the weather is concerned, there seems to be no appreciable difference between the two seasons. About the only indication of winter is the dismal gloom in which we all sit until the power station man puts his hand in front of his face, realises he can't see it, and fills our huts with a sickly yellow light. A light by which eating, drinking, talking and avoiding furniture is possible, but which forbids reading, writing, or even needle work. Our evening activities in winter are therefore somewhat limited, and the excellent concert which the Band gave the other night was a bright spot in a succession of somewhat drab evenings.

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There is nothing to record yet about our daylight occupations. The 1st and 2nd Football Leagues have only just begun, and hockey, boxing and cross-country running begin in a few days. The Battalion Whippet Club held a meeting on Thursday, 20th. After a few preliminary runs down the course to allow each dog a taste of the toughness of the opposition, they gave up biting each other and settled down to racing. Some good races were seen in the heats and final for the Commanding Officer's Cup, which was won by Cpl. Ross's *Doss*, followed by Cpl. Russell's *Lurcher* and Fus. Smith's *Rose*.

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The East Down Harriers had their first meet of the season at Ballykinlar, on Monday, 24th, the Regiment providing a large proportion of the field. Scent was poor, and there were only two short runs.

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The rest of the news seems to be a list of escapes and arrivals. Mr. Laing and Mr. Whelan are away on Courses. Major Chenevix Trench and Mr. Yorke have slipped quietly away and are believed to be on leave. Capt. Moore, R.A.M.C., for whom we were preparing a suitable departure also stole away to some obscure fort in Donegal, taking with him much fishing lore and a cheerfulness we can ill afford to lose these nights. We wish him good luck, and welcome back Major Harris in his stead.

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Arrivals include Capt. C. J. W. Gatehouse from his tour of duty as Adjutant to the 5th Battalion, where his four years of handling troops in the somewhat enclosed country round Walker and Wallsend should stand him in good stead in the close net-work of fences and bogs round here.

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Mr. J. A. Sperling and Mr. M. C. Speer have just joined the Regiment, and we welcome them and wish them success. Mr. Kilgour has returned from shooting in Scotland, and Mr. Forbes Watson from an Aerial Photography Course *via* Dundrum ferry. Three weeks' aerial photography exhausts one to the extent of sleeping even when the train halts in Tullumurry Station. Should the restless activity of Dundrum arouse one, an open boat is the only way to reach home.

SERJEANTS' MESS NOTES.

Since our last notes things have been moving quickly in the Sports department.

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New life has been instilled in the members, who are now overflowing with energy.

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This is all to the good.

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Conversations embrace, in addition to billiards and dancing, such subjects as "Phat," "Euchre," "Crib," hockey and football.

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One wag suggested "Blow Football."

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It is not understood why "Shove-halfpenny" and "Poker-dice" have been neglected.

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Team formations such as

"Over 18 Years" *v.* "Under 18 Years"
"Married" *v.* "Single"
"Non-Dining Members" *v.* "Dining Members"
"Rooty-Wallahs" *v.* "The Rest"

are daily appearing upon the notice board.

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This is rather bewildering to some of the members, but up to now no serious errors have occurred.

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Our Billiards Committee obliged the Corporals' Club by accepting their challenge to billiards.

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Teams were six a-side.

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Our players were soon in trouble on the obstacle course at the venue of play.

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The trouble was chiefly caused by such things as concealed grooves, pocket variations, and outrageous angles (due to the abnormal area).

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It is understood that the only person who has the full details of the peculiarities of this alleged billiard table is the draughtsman of the Royal Engineers, who is preparing the reconstruction plans.

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It was noticed that during the match the door of the Club was allowed to remain open.

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This was probably intended to assist in the deflection of the billiards balls, and also in the deflection of our team.

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If such was the intention it served its purpose admirably.

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Only two of our members were capable of overcoming the

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numerous obstacles, and we had to acknowledge defeat by 4 games to 2.

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The full scores were as under :—

CORPORALS.		SERJEANTS.	
Lce.-Cpl. Stobbart	100	Sjt. Murphy	63
Lce.-Cpl. O'Hara	98	R.S.M. Rowsell	100
Cpl. Obey	100	C.Q.M.S. Ludford	67
Cpl. Graham	100	Sjt. Hobbs	93
Lce.-Cpl. Frazer	54	Sjt. Wixon	100
Lce.-Cpl. Shields	100	Sjt. Swain	60
	552		483

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Before these notes are in print we hope to have had our revenge.

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Both the Corporals and ourselves have entered teams in the Downpatrick and Orme Billiards League, and also the Knock-Out Cup, and are due to meet on the 27th instant.

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It is known that the Corporals are rubbing their hands (and cues) with glee at the prospects of scoring their initial success in the League, and also of administering our first defeat.

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We can only trust that they will be disappointed.

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On the 13th we played our first engagement under League auspices, and registered an away win against the Downpatrick Reading Room.

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The scores were as follows :—

READING ROOM.		SERJEANTS.	
R. Quinn	70	Sjt. Wixon	100
B. O'Hare	40	Sjt. Hobbs	100
V. O'Hare	100	Mr. Flatcher	73
M. Hayes	100	Sjt. Murphy	46
R. McQuoid	100	Sjt./Dmr. Hebbron	93
D. Quinn	71	Sjt. Reaney	100
	481		512

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On the 20th we entertained Ardglass Drifters in a League match, and won 5 games to 1.

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Detailed scores were :—

Sjt. Wixon	100	J. Stewart	98
Sjt. Hobbs	100	P. Hanna	63
Mr. Flatcher	100	J. Freeman	88
Sjt./Dmr. Hebbron	100	P. Milligan	48
R.S.M. Rowsell	91	E. Freeman	100
C.Q.M.S. Ludford	100	J. McMahon	81
	591		478

Another handicap has been decided, and particulars are as follows :—

First Round.

Handicap.	Players.	Actual Scores.
60B.	Mr. Flatcher beat	260
20B.	Sjt. Gibbons	123
Sc.	Sjt. Bellamy lost to	142
60S.	Sjt. Smart	140
50S.	Sjt. Gossage beat	150
60S.	Sjt. Danaford	120
10B.	Sjt. Croft beat	200
20B.	Mr. Sutton	191
60S.	Sjt. Chapman beat	140
30B.	Sjt. Burgess	195
60B.	C.Q.M.S. Ludford beat	260
30B.	Sjt. Hullyer	189
60B.	Sjt. Walsh beat	260
60B.	Sjt. Murphy	193

Byes.—Q.M.S. (O.R.S.) Gale, C.S.M. Blakey, C.S.M. Scott, R.Q.M.S. Capstaff, Lce.-Sjt. Keyte, Sjt. Reaney and Lce.-Sjt. Denniss.

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Second Round.

Handicap.	Players.	Actual Scores.
60S.	Sjt. Chapman beat	240
180B.	Sjt. Wixon	357
50S.	Sjt. Gossage beat	150
30B.	Sjt. Swain	105
50S.	Sjt. Dennis beat	150
Sc.	C.S.M. Scott	198
20B.	Sjt. Reaney beat	220
60B.	Sjt. Walsh	199
10B.	Sjt. Croft beat	200
50B.	R.Q.M.S. Capstaff	192
20B.	O.R.S. Gale beat	220
Sc.	Lce.-Sjt. Keyte	184
60B.	C.Q.M.S. Ludford beat	260
60S.	Sjt. Smart	187
20S.	C.S.M. Blakey beat	220
60B.	Mr. Flatcher	142

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Third Round.

Handicap.	Players.	Actual Scores.
60B.	C.Q.M.S. Ludford beat	260
20B.	Sjt. Reaney	190
20S.	O.R.S. Gale beat	180
10B.	Sjt. Croft	167

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Handicap	Players.	Actual Scores.
Sc.	C.S.M. Blakey beat	200
50s.	Sjt. Denniss	191
60s.	Sjt. Chapman beat	140
50s.	Sjt. Gossage	130

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Semi-Final.

Sjt. Chapman beat O.R.S. Gale.
C.Q.M.S. Ludford beat C.S.M. Blakey.

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Final.

Sjt. Chapman beat C.Q.M.S. Ludford.

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Congratulations are extended to Sjt. Chapman on his success.

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Handicappers please note result for guidance.

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The "Old Soldiers"—to wit members with over 18 years' service—managed to inveigle the "Chick'o's" to show their skill at hockey.

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The teams lined up as follows :—

Old Soldiers—

C.S.M. Carlin.
Sjt. Hullyer. Lce.-Sjt. Kelly.
C.S.M. Ratliff. R.Q.M.S. Capstaff. Sjt. Desmond.
Lce.-Sjt. Forbes, Sjt. Irwin, Lce.-Sjt. Locke, Sjt. Murphy,
C.Q.M.S. Ludford.

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Sjt. Swain, Sjt. Chapman, C.S.M. Scott, C.S.M. Blakey,
Sjt. Hutchinson.
Sjt. Danaford. Sjt. Croft. Sjt. Wixon.
Sjt. Reaney. Lce.-Sjt. Gossage.
Lce.-Sjt. Mears.

Chick-o-'s.

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The game was somewhat marred by the inclement weather, but play was of a fairly high standard.

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The old 'uns played practically all the first half before realising that one of their bulwarks was missing.

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It is understood that he was fulfilling a prior engagement at the "Goose Club."

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However, another veteran came forth and filled the breach, but 'ere this much damage had been done, and the old soldiers were losing, 3 goals to 1.

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After the change of ends experience began to tell, and another 3 goals were soon credited to the old 'uns.

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This was too much for the inexperienced youths, who became erratic in their movements, with a consequent loss in effectiveness.

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In the last few seconds of the game the youngsters *obtained* a goal and the match was concluded as a draw, 4 goals each.

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The only point about the last goal is—if 4 forwards loiter with intent between the backs and the goal, and a goal results : is it off-side ?

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It is impossible to select any one individual player for distinction, but mention must be made of the splendid dives to the feet of the opposing players by the old 'uns' goalie.

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The umpires performed their part well, one particularly so.

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Our usual weekly Dances and Whist Drives continue unmolested, and draw larger houses each function.

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This is very gratifying to the Committee.

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The results of Whist Drives held since last issue are as follows :—

	Ladies.	*Gents.*
5/10/27	1, Miss Cox	1, R.Q.M.S. Capstaff
	2, Mrs. Ratliff	2, Mr. Tracey
12/10/27	1, Mrs. Carlin	1, Lce.-Sjt. Mears
	2, Mrs. Sutton	2, R.S.M. Rowsell
19/10/27	1, Mrs. Carlin	1, Lce.-Sjt. Mears
	2, Miss Hemmings	2, O.R.S. Gale

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Sjt. Walsh has left on posting to the 4th Battalion (T.A.) P.S. for a tour of duty.

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This will be a severe blow to the Old Soldiers' Selection Committee.

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We welcome back Sjt. Speed, who has rejoined from the 4th Battalion.

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Sjt. D'Orey has also left us for a tour of duty with the P.S. of the 5th Battalion.

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Congratulations to Sjt. and Mrs. Walsh on the increase of one—a boy— ? a future Fusilier.

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One of our members who imagines himself a "Caruso" is endeavouring to make a success of community singing in the Mess.

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He has given one demonstration of how it should be done, but further efforts on his part are required to make it a complete success.

"PACKY."

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CORPORALS' CLUB NOTES.

October, 1927.

We are very sorry to announce the death of Lce.-Cpl. W. R. Cave, who died on the 2nd October, 1927.

Lce.-Cpl. Cave joined the Battalion at Bordon, and

Lce.-Cpl. W. R. Cave.

for the last three years has been employed on the Regimental Transport.

The funeral took place at Elswick on the 9th October, 1927.

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The leave season is now upon us, and many of our members have already crossed the Irish Sea and are no doubt reclining in their respective houses.

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" O far beyond the waters
The fickle feet may roam,
But they find no light so pure and bright
As the one fair star of home ;
The star of tender hearts, Reader
That glows in an English home." F.W.F.

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Those of us who are left are steeping our brains in the intricacies of the Lewis Gun, and Training Cadre work is the order of the day.

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Cpl. Woods, Cpl. Gray, Lce.-Cpl. Pearson and Lce.-Cpl. Ferguson have left us for a tour of duty at the Depôt.

Our loss is the Depôt's gain.

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We trust Cpl. Gray left his instruments behind him. His services were always helpful after a tedious day's marching.

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Cpl. Terry left us on the 1st to attend a vocational training course in plastering.

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His jovial countenance and splendid initiative will be greatly missed in the fold.

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Lce.-Cpl. Waterhouse and Lce.-Cpl. Nicholson have rejoined us from the Depôt. We give them a hearty welcome, and hope their stay will be a long and happy one.

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Lce.-Cpl. Gray has proceeded on an Advanced P.T. Course to Aldershot. May success attend his efforts.

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Lce.-Cpl. Morrison has returned from Shorncliffe, having obtained a First Class Instructor's Certificate.

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We congratulate Cpl. Ellen on his promotion to that rank.

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The Cycling Club is still going strong.

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No casualties to report as yet.

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Our fold was invaded by an outrageous female who induced all and sundry to become insured with the *Daily Mail*.

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Strange to relate, a week-old copy of that paper can now be obtained in the fold.

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" Surely it must be an ill wind that blows nobody any good " !

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We have had no billiard handicap this month, but we have some interesting billiard news to report.

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The Serjeants were challenged to a six-a-side match, and some interesting games were the outcome of their acceptance.

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Sjt. Murphy started the ball rolling and christened our table " An Aston Villa's Ground."

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His oratory must have interfered with his play, for he lost to Lce.-Cpl. Stobbart by 37 points.

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The second game of the evening proved to be a real needle match, the R.S.M. eventually winning by 2 points.

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Cpl. Obey kept C.Q.M.S. Ludford fielding the major portion of the game, and won his game handsomely by 33 points.

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The antics of a moth caused the good Quartermaster-Serjeant an amount of trouble before he eventually captured it.

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We might suggest that they bring Sjt. Crawley and his net when they next deign to visit us.

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The game between Lce.-Sjt. Hobbs and Cpl. Graham was a very even one, but our man managed to win by 7 points.

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The fold now believed to have the match won, for we led by the comfortable margin of 75 points.

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Sjt. Wixon, in the next game only allowed Lce.-Cpl. Frazer to score 54 points, and great interest was displayed in the last game.

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Sjt. Swain had to win by 30 points, but Lce.-Cpl. Shields played a sound game and beat the Serjeant by 40 points.

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For complete results see Serjeants' Mess Notes.

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Corporals won by 69 points.

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The winning of this match gave us just the right spirit to proceed to Downpatrick, to play our first League match.

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The Serjeants have entered a team in the same League, and we would like them to know that we shall not deal with them so lightly when we meet under League auspices.

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Our visit to Downpatrick was disastrous. We lost each game, and were defeated by 281 points.

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Luck is a predominant feature in billiards, and we had a great deal less than our share.

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The complete results are appended :—

Reynolds'.		Corporals.	
P. C. Rea	100	Cpl. Graham	42
Mr. Watten	100	Cpl. Obey	59
Mr. Byrne	100	Lce.-Cpl. Frazer ..	72
Mr. Tweedie	100	Lce.-Cpl. Stobbart ..	62
Mr. Leatham	100	Lce.-Cpl. O'Hara ..	70
Mr. McCarten ..	100	Lce.-Cpl. Shields ..	14
Totals ..	600		319

Reynolds' won by 281 points.

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In our next game, at Ardglass, we again met with defeat, but the games were more even, and as soon as our players become accustomed to playing on "foreign" grounds, there will be a different score board.

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Complete results are appended :—

Ardglass.		Corporals.	
J. Gallagher	100	Cpl. Obey	42
J. Rice	100	Cpl. Graham	76
C. Marshall	100	Lce.-Cpl. Stobbart ..	68
W. McMahon	100	Lce.-Cpl. O'Hara ..	70
H. McMahon	100	Lce.-Cpl. Walton ..	38
W. Laverty	100	Cpl. Sharpe	68
Totals ..	600		362

Ardglass won by 238 points.

"BLUFF."

SENSE AND NONSENSE.

HIGGS : "When I get married I'll be boss, or know the reason why."

BIGGS : "Oh ! you'll know the reason all right."

"X" : "A fellow just told me I look like you."

"X.Y." : "Where is he ? I'll knock his head off."

"X." : "I've knocked it off."

FROM INDIA—GRAVE SYMPTOMS.

A native employee at a bank at Amrdistar sought leave of absence in the following terms :—

"Sir,—I most humbly and respectfully beseech you to beg to state that my father, who is kept as a patient in surgical, indoor civil hospital, is showing signs of prognosis.

"There is no man to help my mother if something happens to him. I will be highly obliged to you if you be very kind enough to grant me two days' leave so as to meet my fate."

A FISHYNGE STORY.

THE END THEREOF.

The doings of the youth Craw becomes verily more and more complicated.

He refuses in no uncertayne manner to provide news for ye scribe.

It is right verily an awkward situation.

Methinks the youth has become discouraged, for he cannot prove his prowess.

Even to-day was he going to try once again, but the weather is so pestilential, the waters do pour down so heavie, that the fish must be surely driven away.

So he saith : "Of what goode is the worrie. I will now retire from the tests."

It is great pity withal, for he was almost to be joined by another.

This other, by name Jay, of the land of Ram, had onlie purchased the finist rod in ye kingdom.

He had also sworne to gallantlie aid the youth Craw.

But of what avail ! Ahe me ! 'tis a sorrie world.

But these two, being men of substance and brainy withal, will surelie find some means of vindicating themselves.

In the meantime we will leave them to their work.

"Jay" will continue to make glad the hearts of men with his harmonie, whilst the "Craw" will continue to minister to the wants of his father's subjects.

FINIS.

The following Non-commissioned Officer has been selected (under the Regulations by which Non-commissioned Officers of the Regular Army may be granted combatant commissions as 2nd-Lieutenants) to attend the Course of Instruction, beginning in February, 1928, at the Royal Military College, Sandhurst :—Lce.-Cpl. F. S. Fairhurst (1st Bn. Northumberland Fusiliers).

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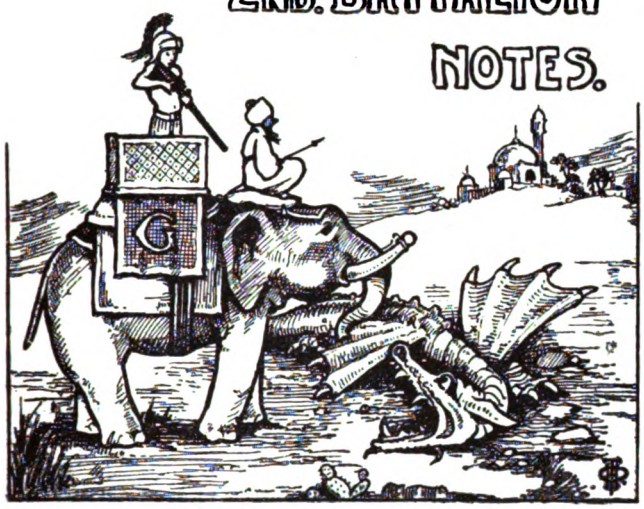
2ND. BATTALION NOTES.



CHERAT,

September, 1927.

In the first place an apology is due to the bygone writer of these notes in 1893 : in a vain attempt at plagiarism during the last month, the interesting account of life in Cherat during that year was unfortunately missed. The notes for the hot weather of that year amply made up for the delinquencies of the two years preceeding ! We might add that Colonel Sturges' letter rather put us on our mettle to prove that we were right regarding our dates, and caused further delving into old *Gazettes* and Records of Service.

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September has ushered in the cold weather, platoon training, chikor shooting, home trooping, and the finishing off of individual training.

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Cherat has been full of visitors, almost causing a season, in spite of the visits being by movement order and not for leave.

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The Second Junior and Future N.C.O.'s Class for the year can daily be seen learning the arts of being " terrors of the square " of the future. Community singing is quite outclassed when they start words of command in unison.

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The Musketry Cadre indulge playfully in the practice of " small arms " cross talk patter. Whilst the embryo Battalion Intelligence Section—(oh, glorious name !)—have successfully evaded all curious eyes by hiding amongst the rocks on the khud sides.

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The Quartermaster has had to go on a special visit to the Clothing Depôt to explain the abnormal demand for increased sizes in head-dresses !

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All this, combined with casuals firing on the range, Machine Gun Class completing their course, and the Signallers classifying, caused a complete disappearance of any sign of life amongst the actual barrack buildings until well after parade hours.

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Some of the Officers, however, have managed to tear themselves away for a few days to try their skill amongst the mountain fastnesses of the wily chikor, training for war, being really, we are assured, the main motive of these marches.

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The first shoot was planned off the map, distances as the crow flies being accurately measured, but, unfortunately, due regard not being paid to contours. However, a very interesting two days were the result.

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After a very tiring march of 15 miles, on Wednesday afternoon, the village of Nizampur, only a few miles from the Indus river, was reached. A few partridge were met *en route*, but they came to no harm. At dawn we set off, and the roughest country and very steep hills were traversed and climbed, and not until close on noon did the shooting show any visible signs.

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On arrival at the village of Maroba everything was done by the inhabitants to revive the drooping figures that trekked along the river bed towards the solitary local tree. Really cold water followed by tea and hard boiled eggs, consumed in the centre of the entire male population, was a truly welcome entertainment.

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Our hosts, whom some of us before had rather looked upon as mere furtive cut-throats, astounded us with their hospitality and cosmopolitanism. It was indeed hard to realise that many of those around us had fought in Mesopotamia, and in frontier campaigns, a few in France and one or two in Africa. In addition, a very large number of their young men were now helping us in our responsibilities as members of the frontier constabulary.

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Although our combined knowledge of the language was very little, we all had a ready laugh, with such success that we were invited to come and stay in the village for a shoot as soon as we could arrange it. A precipitous climb of 3,000 feet back to Cherat completed a tour of 40 miles in the 24 hours, the bag working out at one bird per 33 Officers' miles, which sounds so much better than giving the actual number !

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The next shoot we had more time and less distance to cover. Again our friends at Maroba entertained us—this time for the night ; and arranged a beat the following morning. Following a very deep nullah, we reached the village of Kamar Mela, only a few miles from the actual Afridi frontier. Together with our large voluntary escort of local constabulary, ourselves unshaven and unwashed, bandoliers about our waists, clothes torn by the rocks and thorns, we must have indeed impressed our newfound hosts.

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Charpoys, or string beds, were brought out for us into the centre of the village—around us our local constabulary, a new moon, a roaring fire, and our small offering of a goat roasting in the glow on a spit, the upturned faces of astounded children, a stringed instrument being gently strummed back behind the shadows, the occasional call of a jackal.

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To some these will be the pleasantest memories of these few days, and so utterly contrary to the ideas formed by the younger of us of life in these parts.

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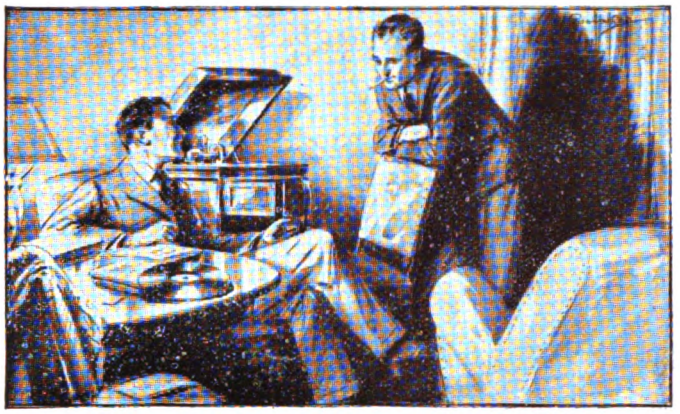

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were very limited, but we managed to put in a good deal of Musketry and Lewis Gun Training.

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We think the Sports notes are most interesting. What a pleasure to get back on to grass again after playing so long on

KHANSPUR.
FIRING FROM THE RANGE

mutthi pitches, or worse, in Khartoum Barracks. All games were limited to one hour by the Medical Officer, and were not permitted to start before 7 p.m.

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The most important items were the hot weather leagues for football and hockey. This tournament is for half Company and half Battery teams, and teams from Officers' and Serjeants' Messes, and junior N.C.O.'s.

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In the football some very keen matches were seen, and both Company teams gave a good account of themselves: they were unlucky to meet in the semi-final.

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"B" Team won the game, and after beat the junior N.C.O.'s in the final.

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We met the Batteries in turn at cricket, and had some very good games. Basket ball was also very popular.

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Two tennis tournaments were held between the Officers and Serjeants, which were a great success. The Serjeants won at tennis, but the Officers had their revenge in another game later in the day.

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So much for the summer sport in Nowshera. On the whole, we managed to have a fairly entertaining time, thanks to the co-operation of the R.A.

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Mention must be made of a visit of the Company to the lines of the 3/1st Punjab Regt. We saw this Battalion at work and play, and it was most interesting. Tactical exercises were carried out, which were attended by the Officers and N.C.O.'s of the Royal Artillery and 5th Fusiliers, and were interesting and instructive.

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No one enjoyed those hot months at Nowshera, but with the assistance of games they were made a little more enjoyable.

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At the end of July we moved out to relieve "D" Company at Khanspur. On arrival we were forbidden to play games until we became acclimatised, and after a few days we began to recover our lost energy.

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The Ghora Dakka Football Tournament started. No. 9 and No. 10 Platoon were both defeated by "B" and "A" Squadrons of the 5th Inniskilling Dragoon Guards. No. 10 Platoon was very unfortunate, as they had practically all the play. "A" Squadron were awarded a penalty in the last five minutes, which gave them the victory.

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No. 11 Platoon defeated their first opponents by 11 to nil, which included the "hat trick" by Mr. Brewster, but succumbed in the next round to the Band of the Dragoon Guards. No. 12 Platoon played wonderful football, and after defeating H.Q. Wing Dragoons and "F" Battery R.H.A., they met the Band in the semi-final The Band, who had defeated No. 11 Platoon, played hard football, but were no match for No. 12 Platoon, who won 5—1.

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The Platoon defeated "B" Squadron of 5th Inniskilling Dragoon Guards in the final of the tournament, 7—0.

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The weather at present is perfect. We left Nowshera just as

KHANSPUR.
VIEW FROM A "MARRIED QUARTER" LOOKING TOWARDS GHORA DAKKA.
THE STRAIGHT LINE ALONG THE HILLSIDE IS THE "PIPE LINE."

the rain started, and they had almost finished when we arrived at Khanspur.

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A Dance is held practically every night, and those who dance do not find Khanspur dull.

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DEPÔT NOTES.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE,
October, 1927.

It is regretted that no Depôt Notes appeared in last month's issue of the *St. George's Gazette*. Owing to the sudden departure of the Depôt from Ponteland (see weather reports for August, 1927?), we were too late in getting any notes sent off to the Editor for publication. It behoves us therefore to make up for our failure this month.

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We have been inspected on two occasions lately, since our return from Ponteland. On the first occasion by the General Officer Commanding Northumbrian Area, Major-General Sir C. N. Cory, K.B.E., C.B., D.S.O., who visited us on 7th September, 1927. He inspected the Depôt on parade first, and then visited the Barrack-rooms, dining halls, etc., and we are pleased to say he complimented us on our general turn-out and appearance.

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The second occasion was on 5th October, 1927. The Depôt was inspected by the General Officer Commanding-in-Chief Northern Command, Lieut.-General Sir Cameron D. Shute, K.C.B., K.C.M.G. He expressed himself as being pleased with the general turn-out and appearance of all ranks. After inspecting the Depôt on parade the G.O.C.-in-C. watched each Squad (Recruit Company) carrying out its normal programme, and later inspected the Institutes and Dining Halls. He later lunched in the Officers' Mess, thereby meeting the Officers of both 5th and 68th Regimental Depôts.

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General Shute has only recently taken over this Command, and this was his first visit to the Depôt.

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We were very pleased to see Colonel Herbert on the 6th October, who visited us for a few days on inspection duty. He inspected the Depôt on parade, and also visited the Barrack-rooms and dining halls the same day.

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On the 7th October, June Squad left us to join the 1st Battalion, under Capt. Waight and C.S.M. Curtis.

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On the 20th October the Recruit Company Association Football Cup was competed for by the 68th Regimental Depôt and ourselves (Recruit Company teams). After a keenly contested game, in which, unfortunately, we missed many opportunities, we were defeated by 5 goals to 1.

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We offer our heartiest congratulations to Mr. Bennett on being posted to the Adjutancy of the 6th Battalion (T.A.) Northumberland Fusiliers. He takes over his duties some time in January, 1928. It is indeed sad that he is leaving us, but what is our loss is very much the 6th Battalion's gain.

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Capt. Waight left us on the 20th instant for a month's leave, pending his re-embarkation for the 2nd Battalion, on completion of his tour of duty at the Depôt.

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We regret to record the death of ex-C.S.M. H. Wilkinson, who served with the Regiment for 25 years, and who was buried with Military Honours at Newcastle-on-Tyne, on Saturday, the 22nd instant.

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We welcome Mr. Boss, of the 4th Battalion, and Mr. Moore, of the 7th Battalion, who have just completed a portion of their annual month's training with us.

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On the 30th August, 1927, and 7th September, 1927, the Inter-Squad and Inter-Depôt Boxing Tournaments were held. In the latter we were successful in defeating the 68th Regimental Depôt, after some very exciting contests. The results of the competitions are appended below :—

120 to 130 lbs.

Fus. Bone (June) vs Fus. Emmerson (May)	Bone	Bone
Fus. Brown (July) vs Fus. Elliott (June)	Brown	
Fus. Harnett (May) vs Fus. Forster (June)	Harnett	Herring
Fus. Fenwick (June) vs Fus. Herring (May)	Herring	
Fus. Gibbs (June) vs Fus. Lammin (May)	Gibbs	Harrison
Fus. Thompson (July) vs Fus. Harrison (July	Harrison	
Fus. Pearson (June) vs Fus. Scorer (June)	Scorer	Young
Fus. Flowers (May) vs Fus. Young (June)	Young	

130 to 140 lbs.

Fus. Brockson (May) vs Fus. Dryden (May)	Brockson	Hogg
Fus. Clark (June) vs Fus. Hogg (July)	Hogg	
Fus. Carty (June) vs Fus. Dent (May)	Carty	Carty
Fus. Murphy (June) vs Fus. Beresford (July)	Murphy	
Fus. Golightly (May) vs Fus. Todd (June)	Golightly	Golightly
Fus. Noddings (May) vs Fus. Rackstraw (May)	Noddings	
Fus. Roberts (May) vs Fus. Scott (May)	Scott	
Fus. Watson (May) vs Fus. Wharton (May)	Wharton	

112 to 120 lbs.

Fus. Drury (May) vs Fus. Conway (June)	Drury	
Fus. Hodgson (July) vs Fus. Kane (May)	Hodgson	
Fus. Malcolm (June) vs Fus. Postle (July)	Malcolm	
Fus. Stockton (July) vs Fus. Weatherstone (July)	Weatherstone	

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140 to 150 lbs.

Fus. Butler (May) } Bishop
Fus. Bishop (June) }

Fus. J. H. Charlton (June) } Creighton
Fus. Creighton (July) }

Fus. Car (May) } Shearlaw
Fus. Shearlaw (July) }
Fus. Watson (July)—BYE.

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INTER-SQUAD BOXING COMPETITION.

SEMI-FINALS AND FINALS.

108 to 112 lbs.

Fus. Loraine (June) } Loraine
Fus. Gregory (July) }

Fus. Kelly (June) } Kelly
Fus. Pickering (June) }

} Loraine

112 to 120 lbs.

Fus. Drury (Med. U/F) (May) } Hodgson
Fus. Hodgson (July) }

Fus. Malcolm (June) } Malcolm
Fus. Weatherstone (July) }

} Malcolm

120 to 130 lbs.

Fus. Bone (Med. U/F) (June) } Herring
Fus. Herring (May) }

Fus. Harrison (July) } Harrison
Fus. Young (June) }

} Harrison

130 to 140 lbs.

Fus. Hogg (July) } Carty
Fus. Carty (June) }

Fus. Golightly (May) } Golightly
Fus. Wharton (May) }

} Carty

140 to 150 lbs.

Fus. Bishop (June) } Bishop
Fus. Creighton (July) }

Fus. Shearlaw (July) } Watson
Fus. Watson (July) }

} Bishop

Best loser—Fus. Gibbs.

Final Points.—June Squad, 91 ; July Squad, 79 ; May Squad, 74.

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5/68TH REGIMENTAL DEPÔT'S RECRUITS BOXING COMPETITION.

7th September, 1927.

112 to 120 lbs.

Fus. Malcolm *v.* Pte. Tooney } Fus. Malcolm

Fus. O'Rouke *v.* Pte. Pearson } Fus. O'Rourke

Fus. Weatherstone *v.* Pte. Mason } Fus. Weatherstone

Fus. Hodgson *v.* Pte. Mounsey } Fus. Hodgson

Fus. Carroll *v.* Pte. Cullen } Fus. Carroll

120 to 130 lbs.

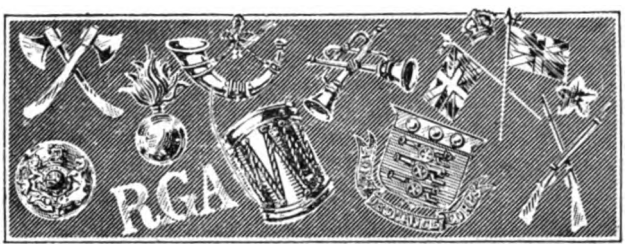
Fus. Young *v.* Pte. Cairns } Pte. Cairns

Fus. Scorer *v.* Pte. Bullock } Pte. Bullock

Fus. Fenwick *v.* Pte. Garrity } Fus. Fenwick

Fus. Herring *v.* Pte. Carter } Pte. Carter

Fus. Gibbs *v.* Pte. Thompson } Pte. Thompson



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Winner—Cpl. Curry.

130 *to* 140 *lbs.*

Fus. Carty	Fus. Carty	Fus. Harrison	Fus. Harrison
v.		*v.*	
Pte. Bayles		Pte. Armstrong	
Fus. Bone	Pte. Douglas		
v.			
Pte. Douglas			

140 *to* 150 *lbs.*

Fus. Bishop	Fus. Bishop	Fus. Butler	Pte. McBride
v.		*v.*	
Pte. Kennedy		Pte. McBride	
Fus. Watson	Pte. Bacon		
v.			
Pte. Bacon			

Results.—Fifth Fusiliers, 25 points; Depôt Durham L.I., 23 points.

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The undermentioned have been awarded Third Class Certificates of Education, dated Newcastle-on-Tyne, 9th September, 1927 :—

No. 4265834 Fus. H. Bell.
*No. 4265835 Fus. F. Buchanan.
No. 4265804 Fus. E. Davies.
No. 4265816 Fus. J. Gregory.
No. 4265837 Fus. J. Hodgson.
No. 4265808 Fus. J. McCance.
No. 4265813 Fus. J. Pickering.
No. 4265744 Fus. J. Ryder.
*No. 4264968 Fus. F. Shearlaw.
No. 4265805 Fus. S. Thompson.
No. 4265792 Fus. G. Alderson.
No. 4265802 Fus. J. Chambers.
No. 4265763 Fus. N. Elliott.
No. 4265800 Fus. R. Fenwick.
No. 4265773 Fus. V. Malcolm.
No. 4265797 Fus. A. O'Rourke.
*No. 4265799 Fus. T. Todd.
No. 4265641 Fus. J. Emmerson.
No. 4265679 Fus. J. Harnett.
No. 4265618 Fus. J. Carroll.
No. 4265833 Fus. W. Brown.
No. 4264023 Fus. W. Creighton.
No. 4265743 Fus. T. Dodds.
No. 4265838 Fus. G. Harrison.
No. 4383142 Fus. J. Hogg.
*No. 4265818 Fus. W. Nicholson.
No. 4265819 Fus. G. Postle.
No. 4265822 Fus. T. Shaw.
No. 4265814 Fus. I. Stockton.
No. 4265820 Fus. J. Weatherstone.
No. 4265787 Fus. J. Aldridge.
No. 4265794 Fus. G. Charlton.
No. 4265751 Fus. G. Gilchrist.
No. 4265790 Fus. S. Lorains.
*No. 4265798 Fus. T. Murphy.
No. 4265795 Fus. A. Scorer.
No. 4265639 Fus. M. Roberts.
No. 4265649 Fus. M. Flowers.
No. 4265644 Fus. W. Graham.

* Distinguished.

4TH (T.A.) BATTALION NOTES.

NEWBURN-ON-TYNE,

24th October, 1927.

The only event of importance since our last Notes is the conclusion of the Battalion Miniature Range Shoot—the full results are set out below. There were some very excellent results, especially in the individual events. Sjt. Renwick, of "Z" Coy., and Fus. Cross, of "W" Coy., who is a recruit, are congratulated on their remarkable scores of 90 and 88, which returns them as the winners respectively of the Ponteland Challenge Cup for the best shot in the Battalion, and the Stewart Bronze, best shot amongst recruits.

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The team shooting was a little disappointing, as with the exception of H.Q. Wing, the winners of the Inter-Company Challenge Bowl and Field Firing Cup, every team was possessed of a tail which refused to wag. The latter event was of interest in that it demonstrated very clearly the importance of clear, concise fire orders by the Section Leader.

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RESULTS.

PONTELAND CHALLENGE CUP (INDIVIDUAL).

Name and Company.	Score. (Max., 100 pts.)	Prize.
1, Sjt. Renwick, "Z" Coy. ..	90	Ponteland Challenge Cup, Bronze Medal and 15/–; Best application, 2/6.
2, Fus. Cross, "W" Coy. ..	88	Bronze Medal and 7/6.
3, L/Cpl. Kilgour, "Z" Coy.	83	Bronze Medal and 5/–.
4, C.Q.M.S. Brown, "W" Coy.	74	2/6
5, Bdmns. Riches, H.Q. Wing	74	2/6
6, Cpl. Towler, "Y" Coy. ..	71	2/6
7, Fus. Mitchinson, H.Q. Wing	70	No prize.

BEST SHOT AMONGST SERJEANTS.

1, Sjt. Renwick, "Z" Coy. ..	90	10/–
2, C.Q.M.S. Brown, "W" Coy.	74	5/–

BEST SHOT AMONGST CORPORALS.

1, Cpl. Towler, "Y" Coy. ..	71	10/–
2, Cpl. Turner, H.Q. Wing ..	67	5/–
3, Cpl. Liddell, "Y" Coy. ..	54	2/6
3, Cpl. Rewcastle, "X" Coy.	54	2/6

BEST SHOT AMONGST LANCE-CORPORALS AND FUSILIERS.

1, Fus. Cross, "W" Coy. ..	88	10/–
2, L/Cpl. Kilgour, "Z" Coy.	83	7/6
3, Bdsmn. Riches, H.Q. Wing	74	5/–

STEWART BRONZE.

1, Fus. Cross, "W" Coy. ..	88	Stewart Bronze, Bronze Medal and One Pound.
2, Fus. J. Robson, H.Q. Wing	64	Bronze Medal and 10/–.
3, Fus. Trueman, "Z" Coy.	45	2/6
3, Fus. Dodd, "Z" Coy. ..	45	2/6

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TEAM EVENTS.

INTER-COMPANY CHALLENGE BOWL.

1, H.Q. Wing .. .. .. Challenge Bowl, Bronze Medal and 5/- to each member of the team.

Sjt. Cowans	34
Fus. Mitchinson	18
Bdsmn. Riches	30
Fus. Rose	23
Bdsmn. Grundy	27
Capt. Gibson, M.C.	41
Cpl. Turner	37
Fus. Robson	21
Total	231

2, " Y " Company 221
3, " Z " Company 211
4, " W " Company 198
5, " X " Company 117

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FIELD FIRING CUP.

Winning Team, H.Q. Wing.

Field Firing Cup and Bronze Medal and 5/- to each member of the team.

Section Leader, 2nd-Lieut. Neville.

Team.—Capt. Gibson, Sjt. Cowans, Fus. Rose, Fus. Robson. Score, 95 points.

2, Cpl. Delaney, " W " Company's Team, 80 points. No prize.

HALTWHISTLE DETACHMENT NOTES.

This time of the year is usually one in which the average Territorial Unit is hibernating, and consequently we have nothing of any special interest to record.

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In the Battalion Rifle Meeting, which was held on our own Miniature Ranges, we did not do anything of special note, although we must congratulate Cpl. Towler on being the best shot among the Corporals of the Battalion, and Cpl. Liddel on tying for second place.

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Our Subaltern has been very busy of late trying to fit himself to command a Company. We are glad to say that the Board of Officers at Lichfield were kind enough to say that on the whole he might some day do so.

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We hear a persistent rumour that 30 more of the populace of Haydon Bridge wish to become Fusiliers; we trust they will all be with us next Camp.

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We must welcome our new Instructor (Sjt. Walsh), and wish him a successful and happy stay with us.

6TH (T.A.) BATTALION NOTES.

ST. GEORGE'S DRILL HALL,
NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE,
26th October, 1927.

We must apologise for not sending in any notes for the last two months, but matters have been very uneventful since our return from camp.

The Officers visited Ponteland Rifle Range on the 18th

THE START FOR THE MILE.

September, and the shoot for the Officers' Cup was carried out, in which the following practices were fired :—

(1)	Grouping ..	100 yards.
(2)	Application ..	220 ,,
(3)	Rapid ..	200 ,,
(4)	Application ..	300 ,,

The result was as follows :—

Winner of the Cup—Lieut. G. L. A. France 70 pts.
Second, 2nd-Lieut. R. Potter .. .. 67 ,,
Third, Lieut. H. E. Wilson .. .. .. 66 ,,

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The Serjeants competed at the Annual Meeting of the Northumberland and Durham Serjeants' Shoot, and we congratulate our Serjeants on winning the Gibson Cup for Rapid Firing. The team, which consisted of R.S.M. J. O'Hara, R.Q.M.S. J. Boyd, C.S.M. A. Hoggins, C.S.M. J. Fitzpatrick, Sjt. J. Daglish, Sjt. G. Simpson, Sjt. C. Sergent, and Lce.-Sjt. D. Stewart, tied with the 9th D.L.I. with 178 points, and on the re-shoot we won by 15 points.

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The Serjeants were also placed fifth in the Northumberland

MRS. ROGERS PRESENTING THE SPORTS CUP TO MR. CARRICK, O.C. " C " COMPANY.

and Durham Serjeants' Challenge Cup, and in addition R.S.M. O'Hara won the Northumberland and Durham Ladies' Chal-

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lenge Shield with 61 points, the Grand Aggregate competition with 114 points, and was second in the Special Sweepstake competition with 23 points. Heartiest congratulations.

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We have to record, with very great regret, the resignation of Lieut. H. E. Wilson, who has taken up a post in Nigeria. Mr. Wilson, who joined the Battalion in 1920, has been a most enthusiastic Officer, and we are sorry to lose him. Everyone wishes him success in his new venture.

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Lieut. Criddle has also had to send in his resignation, and we much regret it and are sorry to lose him.

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The C.O., the Second-in-Command, and Capt. Bell attended the Divisional Staff ride at Harrogate on the 8th instant, and a most interesting scheme was put up by the Division, the various syndicates being in charge of leading cavalry, artillery, tanks, and infantry Regular Officers.

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In addition to the Staff ride, a most interesting lecture was given, on the new mechanised force, by Col. R. J. Collins. All infantrymen will be pleased to learn that the probable result of the mechanised force will be beneficial to the infantry, and that cavalry and g nners will form the escort for the tanks and the infantry will only have to assist in consolidation and will be brought up (it is hoped at night-time) in armoured chariots for this purpose. If Colonel Collins' forecast is to be believed, the next war is to be a fearsome affair.

7TH BATTALION NOTES.

ALNWICK,
25th October, 1927.

Our "Musketry Sunday" and final Parade of the training season passed off very successfully on 25th September. We had a good turn-out and favourable weather for the greater part of the day.

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First the Lewis Gun Competition was fired off.

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Fus. Cairns, of "B" Company, was the winner, and he shot really remarkably well. This is the second year running that "B" Company has won this trophy. Cpl. Ross, of "C" Company, was a very good second, and Fus. Richardson, of "A" Company, third. Great enthusiasm was displayed by all the competitors and onlookers alike.

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After a break for lunch, several very interesting demonstrations of Fire Power and Effect; Comparative effect of a Machine Gun, a Lewis Gun, and a Rifle Section firing "rapid," and such like, were staged. These were excellently organised and well executed, and much benefit should be derived by the spectators.

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We were honoured by a visit from the Duke of Northumberland (our Honorary Colonel) and the Duchess during the afternoon.

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Our new Divisional Commander, Major-General Sir George N. Cory, K.B.E., C.B., D.S.O., and the Brigadier were also present during the greater part of the day.

After the range work was finished the C.O., in a few words, summarised the past training season, and pointed out where we have got to shine next year. (This is secret.)

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The prizes were presented by General Cory, who heartily congratulated the winners on their success.

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We then fell in for a march through the town of Alnwick, and the G.-O.-C. took the salute at the Drill Hall, being supported at the saluting base by the Duke, Col.-Commandant Morant, and some of the local dignitaries—Mayors, Sheriffs, etc.—and employers of labour in the Battalion area.

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The march past was very impressive, and the majority of the inhabitants of Alnwick turned out.

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Unfortunately rain began to fall just as our march past

In the foreground, from left to right.—MAJOR COWEN, DUCHESS OF NORTHUMBERLAND, LT.-COL. ROBSON, DUKE OF NORTHUMBERLAND, MAJOR-GEN. SIR G. CORY, COL. H. H. S. MORANT, WATCHING DEMONSTRATIONS AT MOOR LAWS, ON 25TH SEPTEMBER, 1927.

commenced, and during the "embussing" for home stations we got very wet.

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The Colour Party comprised :—
King's Colours—Lieut. Robson.
Regimental Colours—Lieut. Sanderson.
C.S.M. Cole, Sjt. Murray, and Cpl. Ross.

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The Officers then entertained some of the guests at the White Swan Hotel, where afternoon tea was served.

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Altogether this was a very nice close to a very successful training year, and we hope that next year will be as pleasant in every way.

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Our happy Band visiting Lichfield, the other day, returned even happier than they went.

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Congratulations to Capt. Todd and Capt. Carr-Ellison on qualifying in "C"; and to Capt. Dargie and Capt. Gallon, Mr. Clay, Mr. Grey and Mr. Simpson on qualifying in "A."

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While only 30 % of marks was required to pass, all our candidates got over 60 %.

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On 7th/8th October, we were represented at the Divisional Tactical Exercises held at Harrogate by Lt.-Col. The Hon. H. B. Robson, Major F. B. Cowen, M.C., Capt. R. Trenam, M.B.E., M.C., and Capt. E. H. Watson.

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On the whole, this exercise was voted the best we've had yet.

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Everything was very well organised and run—even to making us use our brains to a prodigious extent !

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We had a lecture on the Friday evening by Col.-Comdt. R. J. Collins, Commanding the Mechanised Brigade, and this was most interesting to us non-mechanised foot-sloggers—even though it was a trifle long.

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We completed a long day's work on the Saturday, after fighting a strenuous Advanced Guard Action, and being transported hither and thither in busses, and disposing our various arms to the satisfaction of all, by " capturing " Harrogate, with its many attractions all complete ; and when the Main Body left for home on the Sunday morning we left strong patrols to clear up the situation and protect our rear. These, we understand, all reported during the week.

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We are glad to be able to congratulate Sjt. Cobbledick, Cpl. Burns and Lce.-Cpls. Wright and Davies on getting special commendation from the War Office on their work on a course at the School of Signals.

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At present we have Sjt. Coulthard, of the Machine Gun Platoon, at the Royal Artillery College, Woolwich, on a " Barr and Stroud " Course. We hope he will do well, and have something interesting to impart on his return.

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Our strength to-day is :—Officers 20, Other Ranks 549.

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We are glad to welcome Mr. R. J. Middlemas, who has been gazetted from the O.T.C., Cambridge University.

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Those of us that are members of the Old 149th Brigade are greatly looking forward to the Annual Dinner at Newcastle, on 28th October.

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Also some of us are looking even further ahead with pleasurable anticipation to the 4th (Reserve) Battalion Dinner, to be held in London sometime in November.

BERWICK NOTES.

We much regret to learn of the emigration to Australia of Lce.-Cpl. G. Robertson, a keen N.C.O., and one that would have gone a long way in the Company ; he will be greatly missed, especially at this time, but we hope that he will make good out yonder and have better luck than he has had here for the past two years. A victim of the last Great Strike, he has never been able to get going again in this country, so having learned of the golden opportunities of the West he no doubt thinks that there may be a share for him.

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We wish him the very best of luck.

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It is with much regret that we have to record the death of Fus. J. B. Lillie, H.Q. Wing, which took place at his residence, 32, Woolmarket, on the 11th instant, from pneumonia.

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A keen Territorial, he will be greatly missed, especially in the Machine Gun Platoon, to which he had been attached since joining this Company.

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To his widow and family we offer our deepest sympathy.

MORPETH NOTES.

The final Musketry Sunday has come and gone once again. The day's outing was thoroughly enjoyed by all ranks, and the weather was in our favour.

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We congratulate Fus. Cairns, of " B " Company, the winner of the Cup and £2 ; also Cpl. Ross, of " C " Company, second ; and Fus. Richardson of this Company third place.

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The Battalion made a good impression in the march past, the Divisional Commander taking the salute from the Drill Hall steps.

ASHINGTON NOTES.

The Company turned out as strong as possible on the 25th of September, and journeyed to Moor Laws, Alnwick, by bus, for the final Musketry Sunday, where a good programme was arranged. The chief event was the firing for the Lewis Gun Cup, each Company entered a team of four, and after the well-contested heats the final shoot arrived, leaving three of " B " Company and one of " C " Company to win the much coveted trophy. Having lent two valuable trophies to " A " and " C " Companies during the year, we did not intend loaning a third. Fus. W. Cairns won the Cup for us, thus making the second year for " B " Company to hold the L.G. Cup.

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The Company is a little under strength at present, and we are likely to lose more members. Owing to employment being so bad around Ashington, they have been forced to seek employment in other parts of the country. The Permanent Staff has already some recruits to fill up the vacancies, and hopes to have the Company at full strength by the time next training season arrives.

AMBLE NOTES.

The final Musketry Sunday was held at Moorlaws, on Sunday, the 25th of September.

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The turn-out of the Company was not up to its usual standard, owing to some of the men working in irregular shifts at the colliery.

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Quite a happy and instructive day was spent watching various kinds of demonstrations by the Rifle, Lewis Gun and Vickers Gun.

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We wish to congratulate Fus. Cairns, of " B " Company, on winning the Lewis Gun Cup.

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Our congratulations also go to Cpl. Ross, who got second prize in the Lewis Gun Competition.

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We congratulate our Company Commander, Capt. G. C. Carr-Ellison, and Lieut. Simpson in successfully passing their promotion examinations.

Editorial Notes.

THE OLD MILL HOUSE,
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October, 1927.

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We have received the following letter from one of our veteran readers overseas, and publish it with a feeling of pride that our journal should fulfil its mission and evoke so much genuine enthusiasm :—

To the Editor of " St. George's Gazette."

BYRON P.O.,
LONDON, ONTARIO,
CANADA.

DEAR SIR,

Enclosed you will please find order for 6s. to pay for the *Gazette* from August. I can assure you I enjoy every word that is written in the " Old and Bold." It seems to me that the various units of the Regiments vie with each other who can send the best news. The Military Tattoo must have been a fine affair *re* " The Relief of Lucknow," at Belfast, put up by the 1st Battalion (who were there). I also enjoy the diary of the 2nd Battalion in India (at Nowshera), having travelled over this ground four times during the Afghan Campaign, '78 to '80, with the 1st Battalion. I wish to add that I kept a diary of this campaign, and I get great pleasure looking up the various expeditions we were in, keeping the line of communications open in the Khyber Pass. Perhaps you have several of the old veterans of that campaign on your list of subscribers who will remember the following expeditions we (5th Fusiliers) were in :—

The first on the list was the Bazaar Valley Expedition, to punish the Azukka Khels ; this was on 19th December, 1878. The Shinwarre Expedition of 23rd March, 1879 ; the Battle of Kam Dakka, 22nd April ; Expedition against the Momands, 15th January, 1880 ; Expedition to Daranta Gorge, 8th May ; Battle of Besud, 19th May ; Expedition to Fort Abdul Khel, 21st May ; to surprise Fort Killa Baneras Kkan, 22nd May ; Expedition to Sangera and Daulatzai, 23rd June ; and the various minor expeditions keeping open the line of communications, being always on the alert for attacks on our camp and false alarms galore—some of these alarms got quite comic, one I have in mind—but enough, your time is valuable. But it's fine to look back at the records of the " Old and Bold " !

Wishing you success,
I am, yours very truly
WALTER SMITH.

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We have received an advance copy of the 1928 " Services Sports Diary," which will be ready for issue in December, and will, as in past years, be obtainable from Messrs. Alfred Hayes, Box Offices, 26, Old Bond Street, W. 1, and 74, Cornhill, E.C. ; or *by members of His Majesty's Forces* from any N.A.A.F.I. Institute or Headquarters N.A.A.F.I., Imperial Court, Upper Kennington Lane, Kennington, S.E. 11.

The 1928 edition has once again been improved in conformity with ideas and suggestions which have been put forward, and there can be little hesitation in saying that it will be the most complete, and at the same time most convenient Diary obtainable at a strictly popular price.

The Diary contains 144 pages of matter in connection with Service, Inter-Service and other Sport, very complete sporting records, and all the other useful information contained in the 1927 edition : these pages have now been perforated so that any which are not of personal interest may be easily removed in order to make the book flatter and more convenient for the pocket.

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149TH (NORTHUMBERLAND) INFANTRY BRIGADE DINNER CLUB.

RE-UNION OF OFFICERS.

The Ninth Annual Dinner of the above Club (which consists of Officers of the 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th Northumberland Fusiliers and Brigade and Divisional Troops who served with the Brigade in France) was held on the 28th October, under the Presidency of Major-General Sir Percy S. Wilkinson, K.C.M.G., C.B., at Messrs. Tilley's Rooms, Blackett Street, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, when over 56 Officers were present.

The guests of the evening were Major-General Sir George N. Cory, K.B.E., C.B., D.S.O., Commanding the 50th Division ; Col. Sir Francis Blake, Bart., D.L., Vice-President of the Northumberland Territorial Association ; Col. H. H. S. Morant, D.S.O., Commanding the 149th Brigade ; Lt.-Col. W. Platt,

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D.S.O., Commanding the 5th Fusiliers Depôt; Capt. A. E. Stokes Roberts, O.B.E., M.C., G.S.O.I., 50th Division; and Capt. A. L. Napier, O.B.E., D.L., Secretary of the Territorial Force Association.

There were also present Brigadier-General E. P. A. Riddell, C.M.G., D.S.O.; Colonels E. W. R. Pinkney, D.S.O., T.D., D.L., W. Ranson, D.S.O., G. C. Pollard, C.M.G., D.S.O., E. Temperley, D.S.O., C. O. P. Gibson, M.C., D.L., N. I. Wright, D.S.O., T.D.; Lieut.-Colonels W. Anderson, D.S.O., M.C., E. G. Angus, M.C., T.D., F. R. I. Athill, C.M.G., C. W. Brims, C.B.E., M.C., T.D., H. S. Bell, C.M.G., D.S.O., T.D., D.L., A. Dent, M.C., O.B.E., T.D., R. Errington, M.C., N. L. Parmeter, T.D., J. R. Robb, T.D., A. D. S. Rogers, T.D.; Majors R. Atkinson, M.C., A. D. Currie, M.C., T.D., F. B. Cowan, M.C., R. M. Graham, M.C., R. Gibson, D. Hill, M.C., J. L. Lovibond, T.D., J. G. Leathart, M.C., H. L. Meagher, O.B.E., V.D., T.D., S. W. Milburn, M.C., W. R. Stowell, H. R. Smail, T.D., W. E. Stephenson, T.D., G. E. Wilkinson, M.C. (Hon. Secretary); Captains G. F. Bell, R. Boys-Stones, M.C., G. R. Barnett-Smith, F. C. Clayton, M.C., J. L. Challoner, F. Dawson, M.C., R. Embleton, M.B.E., M.C., E. M. Grierson, O.B.E., E. Nixon, T. M. R. Pinkney, T. Sopwith, H. B. Speke, O.B.E., A. Snowball, E. H. Watson and T. O. Wood; Lieuts. H. V. Adams, H. T. Pape, R. Roxburg, M.C.

The toasts of the evening were "The King," "Our Gallant Dead," and "The President."

Letter to the Editor.

2ND BN. THE NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS,
CHERAT, N.W.F.P., INDIA,
4th October, 1927.

To the Editor of "St. George's Gazette."

DEAR SIR,

Full details of the representatives of the Regiment in Cherat during the years in question will undoubtedly be of interest to Colonel Sturges and others who may have been with, or associated with, the Regiment at this time.

In 1891 three Companies were in Cherat, under Capt. Braitewaite, with 2nd-Lieut. Banks-Wright as Adjutant to the Detachment.

In 1892, Lieut. Wright, 2nd-Lieuts. Stewart and Somervell, "A" and "E" Companies, the Band and Signallers, were the original detachment, which included "nearly the whole of the last ten drafts."

Captain Malet was expected to proceed here on arrival to take command.

In 1893 the Detachment was commanded by Major Dyke, the other Officers being Capts. Sturges and Riddell, Lieuts. Wilkinson, Booth, Isaacke, Craster, Binney, Dawson and Thompson. The actual crest in question was not completed until 1893.

This information is taken from the *St. George's Gazette* Notes for May, 1891, May, 1892, and August and October, 1893.

As regards Colonel Sturges' last remark, I think I am the only Officer now serving with the Regiment who was present when the 1st and 3rd Bn. Stone was completed at Wynberg.

Yours truly,
O. B. FOSTER.

NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS OLD COMRADES' ASSOCIATION (LONDON AREA).

GENERAL MEETING.

A Quarterly General Meeting was held on Saturday, 1st October, at the Headquarters, The Corps of Signallers, 51, Calthorpe Street, W.C. 1.

Chairman, Major W. M. Allan, O.B.E., in the unavoidable absence of our President, Lieut.-Col. C. P. Hawkes.

Present:—Col. D. Sapte, Capt. J. T. Rowland, and about thirty other Comrades.

The meagre attendance is regretted, as this was the first opportunity we have had of obtaining a suitable rendezvous on a Saturday, but unfortunately the inclement weather was all against us, as it rained all the evening.

After the General Meeting a Dance was held, there being about 100 present, and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

Membership.—We welcome amongst us as a member, Major J. M. Maxwell Lyte, and are looking forward to seeing him amongst us at some future date.

H. J. MORGAN, *Hon. Secretary.*

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

III.—FORWARD PLAY.

Modern Forward Play differs considerably from that of the early days of the game, when the numbers of players on each side might be anything up to fifty, and most of them would be forwards. Then it was largely a matter of weight, but now a type of forward is being evolved who has pace and good hands as well as boots and broad shoulders. But none-the-less the chief duty of the forward is to get the ball for his three-quarters and his most important function to scrum successfully, and it is that phase of his game that we will consider first.

In the Tight.—Whether the side is attacking or defending, its scrum must get possession of the ball if it is to take the initiative, without which it can make no ground. To achieve that the scrum must use all the weight it has, and that means that everyone must put every ounce he can into his shove, and the packing must be tight so that none of it is wasted. As soon as the front row is down the second row should slip in and the front row should then tighten up the arm grip, and similarly the second and third rows will only tighten the grip of their arms when every man is in position. But once everybody is down the scrum should be locked so compactly that it can only move as one body, and if the locking has been done right the forwards will come off the field with their arms as tired as their legs. Once the pack is down and locked sufficient weight should be put into the shove to hold the opposing scrum, but no more, until just before the ball comes in. Then, at a word from the leader, everyone should call up just that little bit extra that he has been keeping in reserve, and that should be sufficient to lift the scrum on to the ball as it comes in, which halves the difficulty of the hooker's task. A well-trained and organised pack can get the ball from far heavier opponents every time in this way, but that extra shove must be applied just at the right moment and all together, and it requires the last ounce from every one of the eight. It is only when possession has been obtained that the question of attack or defence occurs.

If an attack is to be made the ball should pass straight through the scrum and come out at the back without having touched anyone's foot except the hooker's. This sounds easy, but in reality requires hours of practice before it can be achieved. The first essential is that everyone must be able to watch the ball all the time from the moment it is put in, and if he finds

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on getting down that his view is blocked he must wriggle his head until he can see, and yet he must not allow his shoulders to slip up over the buttocks of the man on whom he is shoving, nor must his own buttocks be above his shoulders. When everyone has a clear view the next thing to get is a clear channel for the ball to pass through. This means that the second row must shove with their feet one behind the other, on the outside of the scrum, thus leaving a clear space in the middle of the scrum; this will have the additional advantage of throwing their weight on to the hooker and concentrating the shove on the important man. The outside men of the back row should similarly push towards the middle of the scrum, and this will automatically keep their feet clear of the path of the ball, while the middle man of the back row will keep his feet apart so that the ball may pass between them. But the ball is seldom hooked ideally and it will generally be necessary for someone to move his foot out of the way, or at least to give it a gentle touch to keep it in its proper path, and everyone must be prepared to do this, *and to do it without losing his shove.* If the heel has not been strong enough to get the ball out it must be helped out by the second or third rows, but this must never be done with the heel or the ball will come shooting out far beyond the reach of the half. It should be rolled out with the instep.

If the side is defending, the third row, instead of letting the ball out, will check it and keep it just in front of their feet and at the first opportunity will break away with it to one side or the other and start a dribble. This is a very rough description of a "wheel," the most complicated and difficult manœuvre in Rugger.

In the Loose.—In the Loose the forward's duty is to be on top of the ball whenever it is on the ground. *In Attack* he should back his three-quarters up, and if a pass is dropped or a man tackled he should be there ready to continue the movement by dribbling, or to form a loose scrum and start his three-quarters again by heeling out to them. If the ball is lying open when he reaches it, he may start dribbling, but if it is obstructed at all his first action must be to get control of it by getting one foot on the other side of it, and as the rest of the scrums come up his side will form up behind him and give him the weight which will enable him to heel it. If he omits to get control of it in this way the other side may be too quick and heel it out before his own side are on the spot; with his foot over it he should be able to prevent this at least until some of his own side are there. But everyone should try to be the first man up, for it is essential that the heeling from the loose scrums should be quick. The three-quarter lines are probably somewhat disorganised and a quick heel will give your three-quarters a splendid chance of finding a gap in the defence.

In Defence, that is to say when the other side are running with the ball, he should make for the corner of the field towards which the attack is developing so as to get behind his own three-quarters and form an extra line of defence; but while making for this corner flag as fast as he can he must be prepared to turn aside if a pass is dropped or a man tackled. This means, firstly, looking two ways at once, and secondly being fitted with four-wheel brakes in the form of good and serviceably clean studs on his boots.

At the Line Out, when the ball is being thrown in from Touch, he must be up quickly, and if a breather is to be had only take it when he is in position. If the other side are throwing the ball in he must be careful to find one of the other side to mark and make sure that he is not allowed to do what he wants with the ball; if his own side is throwing it in he may leave it to the other side to find him. When the ball is thrown everyone must try to get it, and that means jumping as high as possible with the arms above the head—a slack forward won't get his feet off the ground, but a keen forward will be able to see over the heads of the others. If he should be lucky enough to catch it and be badly marked he should throw it straight back to the half, who will know what to do with it; if he is well marked he will probably have to put it down at his feet and heel it out. If he does not get it he must move out of the line and get round behind the player who has it so that he may be there to shove if a loose scrum is formed. If the other side get it away he makes straight for the corner flag, as he is on the defensive.

At the Kick-Off, the forwards should follow straight up the field and try to get the ball before it pitches, or at least on to the man who has caught it before he can do anything with it. And if a wing three-quarter of theirs gets going down the touch-line they should follow up the middle of the field in case he finds himself hemmed in and has to kick across the field.

As will be seen, while the three-quarter gets a rest at least while the ball is in the scrum, the forward never has a rest, and now that he is expected to join in the passing movements, too, his life is a hectic one, but a splendid one as well.

Finally, let me congratulate any readers that have ploughed their way through so far, and wish them a very successful season.

RETIREMENT OF ARMY OFFICERS.

New Conditions.

War Office,

6th September, 1927.

The conditions of retirement from the Army as laid down in the Pay Warrant have been amended by a provision to the effect that "an Officer, if ordered abroad within 12 months of the date at which he would be eligible for voluntary retirement, may be excused from proceeding abroad on his undertaking to retire on the completion of the service entitling him to such voluntary retirement. The retirement of an Officer ordered abroad who has already completed service rendering him eligible for voluntary retirement, and does not desire to proceed abroad, shall take effect from the date on which he would otherwise have been required to embark, or such subsequent date as the Army Council may decide.

A gramophone record, said to be the most costly ever produced, has been made by Chaliapin for "His Master's Voice" to mark the first performance of opera at the Royal Albert Hall. The record contains the "Farewell of Boris" and the "Death of Boris" from the opera "Boris Godounov," an act of which was given on the 11th and 13th October.

Chaliapin's performance of the "Death" scene is regarded as his masterpiece on the stage, and elaborate preparations were made by the Gramophone Company to ensure perfect gramophone reproduction. More than £5,000 has been spent on the recording of this one side alone.

The record finally approved is regarded as the most impressive ever made. Chaliapin's rendering is one of mighty pathos, and his artistry, as the dying Czar gasps out his death agony, produces an awe-inspiring effect.

In addition to the "Farewell" and "Death" scenes, the "His Master's Voice" Company has simultaneously issued a record of Chaliapin singing "Vaarlam's Song" from the Tavern Scene in "Boris Godounov," and the "Prince Galitsky Song" from "Prince Igor."

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A REGIMENTAL PAPER FOR THE "OLD AND BOLD."

"Quo fata vocant."

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THE EDITOR'S CORNER.

THE OLD MILL HOUSE,

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EXTRACTS from *The London Gazette*:—

REGULAR BATTALIONS.

Capt. G. J. W. Gatehouse is restored to the establishment (dated 3rd October).

TERRITORIAL BATTALIONS.

4th Bn.—Sec.-Lieut. H. A. Wrigley relinquishes his commission on appt. to the R.A.F. (dated 15th Oct., 1927).

5th Bn.—Capt. B. R. Newstead, D.S.O., M.C., to be Adjt. (dated 3rd Oct., 1927).

7th Bn.—The following Lieuts. to be Capts.:—S. H. Gallon (4th Oct.), W. C. W. Potts (5th Oct.).

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Regimental Notes.

1ST BATTALION NOTES.

BALLYKINLAR,

November, 1927.

Winter is upon us, and for the last three days it has rained almost unceasingly, and the whole camp is a bog. We have also had gales and frost this month, and the romantic mountains called Mourne have been tipped with snow. Most days it is hard to discover where the romance lies in these mountains, allowing that they can be seen through the clouds, as they form a rather sinister background to our bog camp. Again, perhaps usage tends to kill romance, and we are certainly very used to them. On a fine day, or a moonlight night, perhaps—other things being equal!

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Work and play continue in perfect balance, and we have even drawn our "trusty blades" (on a ceremonial parade) during the month, so that our servants were able to save them from that state described by Butler:—

"The trenchant blade, toledo trusty,
For want of fighting was grown rusty,
And ate into itself for lack
Of somebody to hew and hack."

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Whether our servants have been "hewing and hacking," we have not asked, but the results were excellent, whatever the means.

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"X" and "Y" Companies have started "Individual Training," and much activity is to be seen in the vicinity of their huts. "W" and "Z" Companies appear to be still in a moribund state, but there have been rumours that this is only camouflage for certain secret activities, not that anything in Ballykinlar remains secret very long.

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Tactical exercises are in vogue, and two for Officers and two for N.C.O.'s have been held. This form of training is always instructive and interesting, and provokes that discussion which speeds up the brain.

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Our strength on the 15th November was 26 Officers and 792 Other Ranks. This includes a Draft which arrived from the Depôt on this date, conducted by Captain and Quartermaster F. Wombwell, M.B.E., who brought us the latest news from Newcastle-on-Tyne in general, and the Depôt in particular.

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Our old friends, the 1st Bn. Durham Light Infantry have left Belfast for Egypt. We shall miss them very much, and wish them all luck.

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The 1st Bn. The Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers have arrived in their place, from Shorncliffe, after, we believe, twenty years' absence from the country. We were delighted to get a telegram from them on the 15th November, inviting us to lunch on the occasion of the "rugger" match, Ulster *versus* The Waratahs. They also proceeded to beat us by 9 goals to 3 on the 19th November, on a water-logged ground, in the second round of the Army Cup. Their Bandmaster (Mr. W. C. Windrum) is a brother of our Bandmaster, and served in the Regiment as a Corporal.

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Hunting is in full swing, and meets have taken place as follows:—

28th Oct.—East Down Harriers, at the Old Race Course, Downpatrick (7 miles). Twelve Officers attended, out of a field of 22. After a short run scent failed, but hounds quickly drew again, and a sharp twenty minutes ensued, when hounds lost. One more good run concluded the day.

3rd Nov.—County Down Staghounds at Drumcaw (5 miles). Seven Officers attended. First stag went to bay in a ditch after a fast run of about twenty minutes. A second gave a good run of about 3½ miles over good country.

7th Nov.—East Down Harriers at Saul (11 miles). Eleven Officers attended. One hare was hunted for about an hour, though possibly the hare was changed on two occasions. Country consisted of stone walls and banks, and was very trappy.

10th Nov.—County Down Staghounds at the Old Race Course, Downpatrick (7 miles). Four Officers attended. One long run of about 1 hour and 40 mins. to the sea near Killard Point, over very good country.

11th Nov.—East Down Harriers at Ballywooden (11 miles). Six Officers attended. Bad scent and too many pedestrians, and there was no continuous run.

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The quest for game proceeds apace in an ever-increasing arc; two Officers at least are known to have secret bogs 30 miles away. Those confined to their feet desperately splash through the old familiar local bogs. The total bag to the 30th October was:—Partridges 2, Wildfowl 14, Snipe 106, Pigeon 49, Plover 7, Rabbits 72—total 250.

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The total for the season 1926–7 was 442.

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The home farm flourishes exceedingly, and now consists of 80 Geese, 50 Hens, 16 Turkeys, 14 Pigeons, 10 Guinea Fowls, 2 Pigs and 1 Goat. The stables contain 20 Hunters.

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It will be gathered from the above that, although we may be remote from civilisation and on the outer edge of the circle of "Life," we have constructed much to occupy our leisure hours, so much so that Officers seem loth to go on leave; and even of the two who are on leave, one has elected to remain in the neighbourhood.

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Mr. Forbes-Watson has left us on leave prior to proceeding to join the East African Rifles for a tour of duty. We shall all miss him very much, and can only hope that he will like his life on the "outposts of Empire," and that he will learn the Swahili dialect as well as he has learnt the Northumbrian. We wish him the best of luck.

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Our weekly "Band Night" is eagerly looked forward to; and the soothing effect of music, combined with the mellow influence of port, drives some of us to our weekly cigar. Wonderful production, a cigar! it soothes one, it commands respect

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for the smoker, and, as Byron says on the subject of tobacco generally and the cigar in particular :—

" Divine in hookas, glorious in a pipe,
When tipped with amber, mellow, rich and ripe ;
Like other charms, wooing the caress,
More dazzling when daring in full dress ;
Yet thy true lovers more admire by far
Thy naked beauties—Give me a cigar ! "

(" O tempora, O mores " as Chene—rather Cæsar would say.)

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The Whist Drive and Dance held weekly for Other Ranks has proved a great success, and helps to relieve the monotony of winter evenings on the shores of Dundrum Bay.

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On Armistice Day the Battalion formed up in hollow square and a short service was held, together with the two minutes silence. Poppies were sold during the morning, and over £9 was collected for the Earl Haig Fund.

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A gift of a large mowing machine has been presented to us by the Sandes Home, for use on the recreation grounds. Such a machine was badly needed, and we greatly appreciate the gift.

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Mr. Clarke has gone on a course at Hythe, and by the grim set look on his face on departure we feel sure he will return with a " D."

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We have only played two " rugger " matches so far—one *versus* Downpatrick and one *versus* Campbell College, Belfast. The former we won by 2 dropped goals and 2 tries to 1 try (14—3). Mr. Beckwith dropped the 2 goals, and Fus. Sherburne scored the 2 tries.

Team.—Lce.-Cpl. Plumb ; Fus. Townend, Cpl. Naylor, Mr. Beckwith, Fus. Sherburne ; Mr. Laing, Mr. Butterfield ; Mr. Yorke, Mr. Whelon, Sjt. Chapman, Lce.-Cpl. Stobbart, Lce.-Cpl. Sharpe, Lce.-Cpl. Wheldale, Fus. Beck, Lce.-Cpl. Portill.

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The latter match, *versus* Campbell College, we won after a good game by 4 goals, 1 dropped goal and 1 try against 1 try (27—3). Fus. Sherburne scored 2 tries, Mr. Kilgour 1 try, and Mr. Beckwith dropped the goal. Mr. Butterfield kicked 3 goals and Fus. Sherburne 1 goal.

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Inter-Company Association football has been going on since the middle of October. " W," " X " and " Z " Companies have all played, and " Y " Company have just started. The following are the results up to date :—

" A " LEAGUE.

First Round.

" W " Coy. *v.* " X " Coy.—" W " Coy. 2, " X " Coy. 4.
" W " Coy. *v.* " Z " Coy.—" W " Coy 1, " Z " Coy. 8.
" X " Coy. *v.* " Z " Coy.—" X " Coy. 1, " Z " Coy. 5.

Second Round.

" W " Coy. *v.* " Z " Coy.—" W " Coy. 0, " Z " Coy. 4.
" X " Coy. *v.* " Z " Coy.—" X " Coy. 0, " Z " Coy. 4.
" W " Coy. *v.* " X " Coy.—" W " Coy. 0, " X " Coy. 10.

" B " LEAGUE.

First Round.

" X " Coy. *v.* " W " Coy.—" W " Coy. 0, " X " Coy. 5.
" Z " Coy. *v.* " X " Coy.—" Z " Coy. 2, " X " Coy. 2.
" W " Coy. *v.* " Z " Coy.—" Z " Coy. 1, " W " Coy. 2.

Second Round.

" Z " Coy. *v.* " W " Coy.—" W " Coy. 0, " Z " Coy. 4.
" Z " Coy. *v.* " X " Coy.—" X " Coy. 1, " Z " Coy. 4.
" X " Coy. *v.* " W " Coy.—" X " Coy. 1, " W " Coy. 2.

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There have been two Battalion trial hockey games, and a match with the Ulster Ladies had to be postponed owing to bad weather.

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A large draft of 207 Other Ranks leave us for India on the 28th November, conducted by Major R. M. St. J. Booth, D.S.O., and Capt. D. E. F. Waight, M.C. They sail from Southampton on the s.s. *Neuralia*.

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The following N.C.O.'s and men have left, or are leaving, us this month on transfer to the Army Reserve :—Cpls. Fingly and Sharpe, Lce.-Cpl. Wheller, Fuslrs. Wadsworth, Chambers, Ruskin, George, Ball, Graham, Nichols, Swan, Malton and Bdsmn. Phillips. Fus. Swindle has been discharged on medical grounds. We wish them all the best of luck in civil life.

BOXING NOTES.

On the 27th October, 1927, a Novices' Boxing Competition was held in the Gymnasium, and although many men were away on leave, some good fights were seen, especially in the Finals.

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Class " A "—Feather-Weights.

Fus. Dury, " W " Coy. / Fus. Burke, " Z " Coy. } Fus. Dury
Fus. Wallace, " W " Coy. / Fus. Henderson, " X " Coy. } Fus. Wallace (scratched)
Bye — Fus. Emerson, " X " Coy.
} Fus. Dury

The final between Fus. Dury and Fus. Emerson, " X " Coy., was very good, and both men showed considerable promise.

Class " B "—Feather-Weights.

Fus. Murphy, " Z " Coy. / Fus. Harmet, " Y " Coy. } Fus. Murphy
Fus. Herring, " W " Coy. / Fus. Fleet, " Z " Coy. } Fus. Herring (scratched)
Bye — Fus. Bird, " X Coy.
} Fus. Murphy

In the first series, Murphy k.o. Harmet in the first round.

The Final between Fus. Murphy and Fus. Bird was one of the best fights of the evening, both men know the game and hit hard. Murphy won on points.

Class " A "—Welter-Weights.

Fus. Watchorn, " Z " Coy. / L/Cpl. J. Morton, M.G.P. } L/Cpl. J. Morton

These two had a real hard hitting bout, and towards the end of the fifth round Lce.-Cpl. Morton was up considerably on points and was going strongly. Half-way through the second round the fight was stopped and Fus. Watchorn received much applause for his plucky display.

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Class " B "—Welter-Weights.

Fus. West, " W " Coy.
L/Cpl. Robinson, " Y " Coy. } Fus. West

Fus. Noddings, " Y " Coy.
Fus. Hywood, M.G.P. } Fus. Hywood

} Fus. Hywood

Both these fights were excellent, and all four men displayed a good knowledge of boxing and can hit hard.

West just got the verdict over Robinson after three hard and even rounds.

Hywood was well up on points against Noddings, owing to his long reach which he used to advantage.

The Final was very keenly fought, and although West was at a big disadvantage in height and reach, he stuck gamely to his man and there was nothing to choose between them at the end of the third round. An extra round was necessary to decide the winner, and both went in hammer and tongs, and Hywood secured the verdict.

Both men have improved lately, and should do well in the future.

Class " B "—Light-Weights.

Fus. Dockerty, " Y " Coy.
Fus. Balmbra, " Z " Coy. } Fus. Dockerty

This was an excellent bout, and both men were very keen to secure a knock-out, each attacked in turn, and Dockerty used his left to better advantage than his opponent.

However, Balmbra mixed the fighting whenever possible, and scored with both hands.

At the end of the third round there was nothing between them, and an extra round was fought at a terrific pace, and Dockerty was declared the winner of the best fight of the night. Both men will be useful in future teams.

Class " C "—Light-Weights.

Fus. Donaghy, M.G.P.
Fus. Dryden, " Y " Coy. } Donaghy

Fus. Brown, M.G.P.
Fus. Rackstraw, "W" Coy. } Fus. Brown

} Donaghy

These were good bouts, and Donaghy and Brown knew more about boxing than their opponents and won their fights fairly comfortably.

Dryden is a hard hitter, and if his blows were not so wild would make a good boxer.

The Final was always interesting, and Donaghy had the better reach and was always leading. However, Brown stuck to his man, but could not wipe out his deficit of points.

Class " D "—Light-Weights.

Fus. Johnson, " Z " Coy., Bye
Fus. Hawthorn, " Z " Coy.
Fus. Dent, " W " Coy. } Hawthorn

} Hawthorn

Hawthorn soon showed us that he was a hard hitter and also had a good knowledge of boxing. The first round was fought hard, and Dent received severe punishment and the fight was stopped at the end of this round.

In the Final Hawthorn again proved too good for his opponent and won on points.

Class " E "—Light-Weights.

Fus. Morris, " Z " Coy.
Fus. Gibbons, M.G.P. } Fus. Gibbons

This did not last long. Gibbons landed a right to the point and knocked his man out with the first blow. He is a good boxer and can use both hands to advantage.

Class " A "—Light-Weights.

Lce.-Cpl. Robinson, " Y " Coy.
Fus. Dawson, " W " Coy. } Lce.-Cpl. Robinson

Owing to two men not turning up, Dawson was the only man left in this weight, and Lce.-Cpl. Robinson, who had been beaten by West in another weight, offered to give him a fight.

The first round was good, but Robinson was well up on points and Dawson had received severe punishment. The fight was awarded to Robinson.

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We hope to hold some more Novices' Competitions and Open Competitions throughout the season, and give every Company a chance to select their teams for the Hart Shield Competition.

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In February we will be fighting for the Kid Boxing Challenge Cup, which we have won the last two seasons and hope to win again.

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In April we meet the 1st Bn. Royal Scots at Maryhill, Glasgow, in our first round of the Army Inter-Unit Team Championships, and hope to get our own back, as they inflicted a heavy defeat on us, when we were over on Strike Duty.

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The Battalion team and reserves will start training for these Competitions as soon as they are back from leave in January.

SERJEANTS' MESS NOTES.

Since our last notes our members seem to have become more active than ever. It is also noticed that they are looking much fitter.

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Teams representing " Over 18 years " and " Under 18 years " engaged in friendly rivalry at football on 24th October.

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The weather was inclement, but the tussle was fought to a finish.

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The young bloods, as was to be expected, were much fleeter of foot than the old brigade, and the latter were defeated by 10 goals to 3.

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The old hands found that the fleetness and the effective combination of the youngsters plus the slippery turf—due to the attendant showers—were too much for them.

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The teams were as follows :—

Over 18 Years—

Sjt. Gibbons.
Sjt. Hullyer. Sjt. Kelly.
C.S.M. Ratliff. Sjt. Bellamy. Sjt. Burgess.
Sjt. Irwin. Sjt. Murphy. Sjt. Locke. C.S.M. Carlin. Sjt. Hobbs.

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Sjt. Mears. Sjt. Smart. Sjt. Gossage. C.S.M. Blakey. Sjt. Swain.
Sjt. Dempster. Sjt. Reaney. Sjt. Hayward.
Sjt. Hurt. Sjt. Wixon.
C.S.M. Scott,

Under 18 Years.

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After making due allowance for turf, etc., it must be said that the play was quite good.

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One particular sparkling display of ball control was when "Bill" advanced from the centre line, beat all opponents till confronted with only the goalie.

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"Shoot, Bill!" could be heard from all parts of the ground; but, alas! "Bill" had not enough stamina left to do the needful and expected.

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So bang went the chance of a life-time!

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The names of the goal scorers are withheld out of consideration for our harassed directors.

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They, already at their wits' end to keep up with the large amount of work, have not the time to answer enquiries *re* transfers of certain sharp-shooters, nor receive scouts with fat cheques.

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"Bill" has been overhauled and passed fit, so those that were apprehensive may rest in peace.

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His lapse was only temporary.

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The following day the representative teams of the "Married" and "Single" indulged in hockey.

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The teams lined up as follows for the bully:—

Married—

C.S.M. Carlin.
Sjt. Wixon. R.S.M. Rowsell.
C.S.M. Blakey. R.Q.M.S. Capstaff. C.S.M. Ratliff.
Sjt. Irwin. C.S.M. Scott. Sjt. Locke. Sjt. Forbes. Sjt. Swain.

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Sjt. Burgess. Sjt. Hayward. Sjt. Gossage. Sjt. Reaney.
Sjt. Mears.
Sjt. Smart. Sjt. Gibbons. Sjt. Dempster.
Sjt. Hurt. Sjt. Chapman.
Sjt. Murphy.

Single.

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This match was keenly contested, and a high standard of play was witnessed.

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The score was opened by Sjt. Gossage for the single members.

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Holding debates on the rules of off-side when hard pressed is often disastrous.

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So it proved in this case. Whilst the married backs decided which was the correct interpretation of the off-side law, Gossage walked in and scored.

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This gift goal brought out the best in the Benedicts, and they continued to press the bachelors, keeping them well penned to the magic circle.

The bachelors' defence eventually gave in to Sjt. Locke, who equalised the scores.

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After half-time two more goals were scored for the Benedicts by C.S.M. Scott and Sjt. Forbes.

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This was the score at the call of time, much to the delight of the married ladies, who were in force on the line.

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Had it not been for the fine work of the bachelor defence, particularly Sjt. Murphy in goal, the victory of the married members would have been much greater.

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He used all parts of his anatomy to thwart the shots that came his way, and with a great measure of success.

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On the 20th October, in deference to the wishes of the Corporals, our billiards match, under league auspices and scheduled for the 27th, was played off.

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The match took place on the Corporals' obstacle course.

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This was in even worse condition than on our previous meeting.

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It is suggested that if the drainage was attended to, the delayed action of the balls would cease to exist.

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We, realising that skilled men are required for this work, place the services of our two sapper friends unreservedly at the disposal of the junior organisation, absolutely free.

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Our table expert is also at their disposal, should they want any hints on the "Care and Preservation of Billiard Tables," etc.

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Both teams were changed, but this did not affect the result, and the juniors won by 4 games to 2.

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The results of the various games were as follows:—

SERGEANTS.		CORPORALS.	
Mr. Flatcher	54	Lce.-Cpl. O'Hara ..	100
Sjt. Hobbs	100	Cpl. Graham	84
Sjt. Wixon	73	Cpl. Obey	100
R.S.M. Rowsell	96	Lce.-Cpl. Shields ..	100
Sjt. Locke	70	Lce.-Cpl. Walton ..	100
Sjt.-Dmr. Hebron ..	100	Lce.-Cpl. Stobbart ..	99

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The Corporals said they would win, and they did.

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We congratulate them whole-heartedly on their victory, and trust that now they have started they will continue to win, but not at our expense.

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On the 1st November we again met the Corporals, but this time at hockey.

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Again we have to acknowledge defeat, the result being 3—0 in their favour.

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The teams were :—

Serjeants—

C.S.M. Carlin.
Sjt. Hurt. Sjt. Kelly.
Sjt. Chapman. R.Q.M.S. Capstaff. C.S.M. Ratliff.
C.S.M. Scott. Sjt. Forbes. Sjt. Locke. Sjt. Gossage. Sjt. Smart.

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Cpl. Morgan. Lce.-Cpl. Pennock. Lce.-Cpl. Stobbart.
Lce.-Cpl. Heard. Cpl. Russell.
Lce.-Cpl. Crudgington. Cpl. Purcell. Cpl. Cook.
Lce.-Cpl. Smart. Cpl. Obey.
Lce.-Cpl. McHale.

Corporals.

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We were up against a quicker and better combination, but our team held out well till the second half, when the pace told, and we retired beaten by 3 goals at the call of time.

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Our " Phat " tournament has been concluded.

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Practically all the old 'uns received their quietus in the first round.

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This was somewhat strange considering there are so many experts among them.

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Surely the storm which was raging outside had not made its presence felt inside.

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Nevertheless, and whatever the cause, they one by one retired and joined the spectators.

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It was left to " Harry " to maintain the traditions of the old soldiers, and he in partnership with Mr. Craven did it and won.

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Our congratulations to both.

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On the 3rd instant, football was the bone of contention between the " Married " and " Single."

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The following players took part :—

Married.

C.S.M. Scott.
Sjt. Kelly. Sjt. Wixon.
C.S.M. Carlin. R.Q.M.S. Capstaff. Sjt. Swain.
R.S.M. Rowsell. C.S.M. Blakey. Sjt. Locke. Sjt. Hutchinson.

O (C.S.M. Ratliff.

Sjt. Mears. Sjt. Smart. Sjt. Gossage. Sjt. Dempster. Sjt. Murphy.
Sjt. Reaney. Sjt. Chapman. Sjt. Burgess.
Sjt. Hurt. Sjt.-Dmr. Hebbron.
Sjt. Gibbons.

Single.

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This game was spoiled by a very strong wind which made ball control practically impossible.

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The bachelors eventually won by 3 goals to 1.

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The games for the Billiards Cup have been commenced, and particulars will be given in next issue.

The results of Whist Drives held since last notes are as follows :—

	LADIES.	GENTS.
26/10/27	1, Mrs. Kelly	1, Sjt. Dempster
	2, Mrs. Sutton	2, Sjt. Wixon
2/11/27	1, Miss Cox	1, Mr. Sutton
	2, Mrs. Kelly	2, Sjt. Kelly
9/11/27	1, Mrs. Capstaff	1, C.S.M. Carlin
	2, Mrs. Carlin	2, Sjt. Mears
16/11/27	1, Mrs. Ratliff	1, Sjt. Haddon
	2, Miss Hemmings	2, Sjt. Burgess
23/11/27	1, Miss Cox	1, C.S.M. Ratliff
	2, Mrs. Rowsell	2, Sjt. Lawless

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We now have a weekly run in the Battalion, but this only affects the young bloods.

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Several of the old brigade have been heard to remark, with sighs, " Aye, laddie, when I was your age I thought nothing of it ! " " Happy days, those," etc.

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How differently age affects people !

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For the information of those who wish to take up a useful occupation on retiring, it is notified that the Mess now boasts a trained male baby nurse, of the W.O. variety.

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Twice weekly he can be heard crooning, etc., the babies to sleep in the Mess Creche.

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His holding powers are the envy of the ladies, but—not the babies.

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Being single, he probably thinks that a bit of preliminary training in night ops. will stand him in good stead, should he at some future date decide to transfer to the Benedicts.

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It is understood that he is arranging a course of lectures on " Babies—and how to put them to sleep."

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We welcome Sjt. Bramley and Lce.-Sjt. Lynch to the Battalion, the former from the 4th Battalion (T.A.) and the latter from the Depôt.

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May their stay with the Battalion be pleasant.

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Who are the two members who persistently lose all the billiard balls in the pockets when playing ?

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How is it that they are not in the Mess team ?

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Who is the member who specialises in concussion cannons ? and when will B.B.C.B. limit the number of such cannons ?

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How many coal fatigues are equal to one cross-country run? Answers to the President, please. No prizes.

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CORPORALS' CLUB NOTES.

November, 1927.

The departure of three leading lights from the fold has cast a gloom over the month's happenings.

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Cpls. Sharpe, Tingey and Russell have left us for civil life and the Army Reserve.

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We wish them the best of luck in their new sphere of life, but cannot help regretting their departure.

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Cpl. Forrester has rejoined us from the Depôt, and we hope his stay will be a long and happy one.

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Lce.-Cpl. McHale has gone to Aldershot to attend a cookery course. We trust success will greet his efforts, and Providence return us his jovial countenance.

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Lce.-Cpl. Erskine is now in Belfast undergoing preliminary course of jerks. We wish him success and a "qualifier" at Aldershot.

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We welcome Lce.-Cpl. Charlton, who has joined us from the 2nd Battalion; he seems quiet, but—these quiet blokes need watching.

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Congratulations are extended to Cpl. Harris on his gaining a "Q1" Certificate at Hythe.

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We also congratulate Lce.-Cpl. Frazer and Lce.-Cpl. Nicholson on their gaining their First Class Certificates at the recent examination.

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The best wishes and hopes for the future are given to Cpl. Whalley and Lce.-Cpl. Short, who have launched out into the matrimonial business.

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Thirteen of our members now have cues and cases of their own, but the "Generals'" 18-pounder has not cannoned.

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Only elaborate explanations by our President prevented the erection of a crane pulley, so that the "General" could more easily manœuvre.

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Happily for the comfort of our members he was toned down to 18 ozs.

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Five matches of billiards have been played during the month, but the space allowed only gives us room to describe one.

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Our home match with the Serjeants should prove the most interesting to readers, and as the victory gave us our first two points in the league, it gives us pleasant memories.

In the first game "Peachy" completely overshadowed Mr. Flatcher, and gave us a lead of 46.

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It is a hard task to describe a game in which one player makes all the running, but Mr. Flatcher's ability in hitting the cue-ball is worthy of note.

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Sjt. Hobbs, in the next game, managed to revenge his defeat of the previous match, and beat Cpl. Graham by 18 points.

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His avidious potting of the white was the outstanding feature of the game, but his manœuvring of the balls through the pools at the sea-end was excellent throughout.

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The R.S.M. was not averse from losing the white, but this availed him little for Lce.-Cpl. Shields won by 4 points.

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The next man to meet his "Waterloo" was Sjt. Wixon, who was trounced to the tune of a hundred to 73 by Cpl. Obey.

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The dramatic gesture of Sjt. Locke appealed more to the spectators than his billiards display.

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His acting was duly noted, and is herewith recorded:—

(1) To play in-off the white you must obtain the proper billiard stance; then, on hitting the cue-ball, lean the trunk towards the table, at the same time throw the proboscis and its adherents upwards.

(2) To play a cannon, again assume the billiard stance, and as you send the cue-ball forward give a lusty kick with the left foot, being sure to keep the toe pointed.

(3) To pot the red: assume the billiard stance and ensure a correct aim. On hitting the cue-ball throw the cue across the body, at the same time making a full left turn of the trunk, and rise on the right toe.

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The good Serjeant assures me that the above formulæ have helped him to win numerous games.

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On the night of the match the atmospheric conditions were distinctly against him, and Lce.-Cpl. Walton had no difficulty in beating him by 30 points.

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In the five games played we had gained the lead of 91 points, consequently Sjt.-Dmr. Hebbron had to win by 90 points to win the match.

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He won . . by 1 point . . the Serjeants lost by 90 points.

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Our poet laureate describes the entrance of the Drum-Major:

"Not a sound was heard, but the fold shook
As the Drum-Major entered the room.
The arena was cleared, and we stood aghast
As his proportions became apparent.
Of his billiards' ability no one wondered.
Why should they? His frame could withstand
The knocks of the cannons that make no thunder,
And pots of the red—Well, Stobbart blundered!

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After this match it was suggested that the Serjeants would overwhelm us if we would play a game on a *proper hockey field*.

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We are never slow to respond . . . even to a thought, and a challenge was dispatched and a game of hockey materialised.

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It is superfluous to state who won.

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We believe the Serjeants are reserving all their energy for the 28th of December, when they entertain us in a billiards league match.

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Possibly we may say that their table is an "Aston Villa ground."

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Complete results of the matches played are appended.

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CORPORALS *v.* MORTON'S.

Cpl. Graham ..	83	Mr. G. Gilchrist ..	100
Lce.-Cpl. Stobbart ..	85	Mr. A. Blaney ..	100
Lce.-Cpl. O'Hara ..	100	Mr. J. Murphy ..	74
Lce.-Cpl. Shields ..	100	Mr. B. Blaney ..	97
Cpl. Hackett	55	Mr. T. McQuire ..	100
Lce.-Cpl. Smart	58	Mr. R. Bell	100
	481		571

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CORPORALS *v.* SERJEANTS.

Cpl. Obey	100	Sjt. Wixon	73
Cpl. Graham	84	Sjt. Hobbs	100
Lce.-Cpl. Stobbart ..	99	Sjt. Hebbron	100
Lce.-Cpl. O'Hara ..	100	Mr. Flatcher	54
Lce.-Cpl. Shields ..	100	R.S.M. Rowsell	96
Lce.-Cpl. Walton ..	100	Sjt. Locke	70
	583		493

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CORPORALS *v.* GREEN'S.

Cpl. Obey	61	Mr. J. Ray	100
Cpl. Graham	87	Mr. F. Ray	100
Lce.-Cpl. Stobbart ..	58	Mr. J. W. McGre ..	100
Lce.-Cpl. O'Hara ..	66	Mr. W. Young	100
Lce.-Cpl. Shields ..	96	Mr. F. Lietham ..	100
Lce.-Cpl. Walton ..	76	Mr. H. Taylor	100
	444		600

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CORPORALS *v.* READING-ROOM.

Cpl. Graham	100	Mr. R. Quinn	96
Lce.-Cpl. Shields ..	73	Mr. V. O'Hare	100
Cpl. Hackett	100	Mr. M. Hayes	88
Cpl. Annison	64	Mr. J. McLeod	100
Lce.-Cpl. Canvin ..	84	Mr. J. Bohill	100
Lce.-Cpl. Luke	63	Mr. J. Henry	100
	484		584

2ND TEAM CORPORALS.

Cpl. Hackett	100
Lce.-Cpl. Canvin ..	95
Cpl. Annison	100
Lce.-Cpl. Anderson ..	100
Lce.-Cpl. Smart	100
Lce.-Cpl. Crudgington ..	73
Lce.-Cpl. Luke	100
Cpl. Tingey	76
	744

2ND TEAM SERJEANTS.

Sjt. Gossage	88
Sjt. Swain	100
O.R.Q.M.S. Gale ..	43
C.S.M. Blakey	50
Sjt. Croft	73
S/Sjt. Burgess	100
S/Sjt. Dempster	75
Sjt. Mears	100
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Hockey—Corporals 2, Serjeants 1.

"BLUFF."

2ND. BATTALION NOTES.

NOWSHERA,

October, 1927.

Our notes this month must be more in the nature of a bare record of events, as we are in the midst of settling in; by the time we leave Nowshera we should be a Battalion, "par excellence," skilled in the art of moving in and moving out.

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The season at Cherat came to a close on the 17th October, the final weeks being occupied in the settlement of the Inter-Platoon Football and Hockey Tournament. In the football the finalists were the Band and the Signallers, the latter winning in a replay by 2 goals to 1. In the hockey, the Band beat No. 4 Platoon of "A" Company by the score of 2 goals to nil.

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The Officers managed to get away for several more chikor shoots, and although the bags were never big, the maximum amount of exercise and a great amount of amusement was obtained.

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The first upheaval in our usual routine commenced with the arrival of the bullock transport on Saturday, 15th. By early morning on the 17th we had managed to get rid of our heavier baggage.

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The 17th was entirely spent in loading up the mule transport, and everything was ready to start shortly after dawn the following day.

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The escort to this wheeled transport had a most trying march of 37 miles, the weather still being sufficiently hot to make long distant marching anything but pleasant.

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The main marching column were left in Cherat, stripped of all necessities of life excepting the clothes they stood up in, their equipment, and a couple of blankets for each man.

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Tuesday was a very long drawn out day, and we were all glad when the time came, at 11 p.m., to fall in, preparatory to marching off.

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Our route to Nowshera lay almost in a straight line across the hills, the first 10 miles being along a narrow mountain track, in which we marched in file, with a fall in the ground of about 4,000 feet in this distance.

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Owing to the precipitous drop which bordered our track, the march was carried out strictly under peace-time conditions, and the string of lamps winding away through the hills looked like some elongated phosphorescent snake.

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On arrival at Manki, at 6 a.m., where we had our Battalion camp last year, excellent arrangements had been made for a meal, and Sandal excelled himself in the size and consistency of the buns provided.

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Here we must mention the boys—originally destined to the degrading fate of proceeding to Nowshera by lorry—had all volunteered to accompany the Battalion in its 19 miles night march. With the exception of three, who had only just been discharged from hospital, they were permitted to do so, and certainly acquitted themselves well in what proved to be quite a trying march.

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This alone is a feat, but eclipsed by their gallantry at Manki and after, they ate solidly, the record being reputed as 6 mugs of tea, 4 Sandal's buns, 2 sausages, 3 apples, 2 plates of bread and butter; after which they played their instruments without accident for the remainder of the march, and not one of them but did justice to the breakfast they had on arrival in barracks. Well done, the Boys!

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We are all glad to see Colonel Kershaw back with us once more, after his long enforced absence in Peshawar, when he met the column as it crossed the Manki Pass.

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We arrived in barracks about 7.30 a.m., and found all our transport supply parked on the parade ground, and its distribution and unloading was quickly accomplished during the morning.

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On the 20th, Mr. Humphreys and Mr. Grimley arrived back from two months in Kashmir. Together with Major Critchley Salmonson they have been living a life of ease in a houseboat combined with fishing and mixed shooting. Perhaps the word "mixed" may give the reader an entirely wrong impression of their doings. So we substitute "shooting of a nature varied between bears and snipe."

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Major and Mrs. Baxter, with family, are now the proud possessors of a whole bungalow to themselves, called "Sea View," in Pentonville Road, the high street of Tin Town in Khartoum Barracks.

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Our readers may remember that one of our greatest difficulties found on arrival was the question of sports grounds. This year we have "muttied" over the football and hockey grounds, and in a few days they should be ready for play. This should make a very considerable difference to our standard of play, our amusement, and our admissions to hospital.

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Two tennis courts for "Other Ranks" are also being constructed near the gymnasium, and it is hoped that this will once again enable the Tildens and Betty Nuthalls, of Patterson Park days, to display their skill, and will open up a new game to many in the Battalion.

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The first few days of our arrival were considerably enlivened by the capture of our first rifle thief. Mr. Surtees, the Orderly Officer, was visiting the Rifle Sentries of "A" Company in the dead of night, when, close to, two rounds were fired in rapid succession by the prowlers outside. Dashing out with the Orderly Serjeant on the opposite side of the bungalow to the shots, they saw two natives running away. In hot pursuit, one was overtaken in the nullah just south of barracks, making for the hills, and captured by a dexterous leap from Mr. Surtees, who landed on his neck.

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Unfortunately, a "right or left" was not obtained, the second "loose wallah" being lost in the rough country towards the Manki Hills.

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The prisoner was taken off in chains the following day by the civil police, and will we hope get what he deserves. He proved to be a member of a wanted gang of Mohmand thieves, who had been operating in Risalpur the previous night, and timely warning of their activities had already been given to us by the police.

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On Wednesday, 19th, our first draft for U.K. left us. We were sorry to say good-bye to many who have taken a prominent part in the life of the Battalion during the past years, and we take this opportunity of wishing them the best of luck and success in civil life or with the 1st Battalion or Depôt. *Quo fata vocant.*

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Captain Chipper, who has just returned from a trip to Mosul, Mesopotamia, on leave, reports that the bodies of the men of this Battalion who were buried in the cemetery there have been collected by the Imperial War Graves Commission and re-interred in the British War Cemetery at Baghdad. The head-stones are of hard English stone, in which the names and Regimental Crest are deeply cut, and the cemetery is very well

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looked after. The following list gives the names and location in the cemetery :—

Name.	Plot.	Row	Number.
Lieut. C. Smith, M.C.	19	"H"	13
89375 Pte. S. Poole	19	"G"	3
2408 Sjt. G. Agonbar	19	"K"	8
75100 Pte. G. H. Sims	19	"K"	6
93696 Pte. E. Pickles	19	"H"	11
88944 Pte. G. J. Beautyman ..	19	"K"	10
88901 Pte. A. W. Booth	19	"K"	13
89107 Pte. W. Greenwood ..	19	"K"	12
17384 Pte. R. J. Kennedy ..	19	"F"	15
90152 Pte. A. Wilson	19	"F"	14
J. H. Maynard	19	"G"	8

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With the arrival of the 2nd Detachment of the K.O.Y.L.I. in July, an Inter-Company and Inter-Platoon Knock-out Competition was inaugurated, open to both Regiments, and comprising football, hockey and cricket. Winning Platoons scored 2 points for their Company towards the Company Championship, and in the case of the cricket each Company entered two teams, 3 points and 2 points being awarded to the winner in the two leagues respectively. The superiority of our own Platoons in both football and hockey was again in evidence, only one Platoon of the K.O.Y.L.I. surviving till the semi-final round in the hockey and none in the football. At cricket, however, the situation was reversed, and the K.O.Y.L.I. had matters much their own way. One of the chief features of the competition was the great contest between No. 2 and No. 4 Platoons in the hockey, which was only decided in favour of the latter after six matches had been played, four of these going to extra time. No. 4 eventually proved the winners, and met the Band in the final, the score being 2 goals to nil in favour of the latter. The football final was a great match between the Band and the Signals, the latter winning by 2 goals to 1.

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H.Q. Wing having five teams competing (as opposed to four in the case of other Companies), had their points averaged down in the football and hockey. They eventually proved to be Champion Company, though from the final placings given below it will be seen that interest was fairly well maintained till the end.

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Company.	F'ball.	Hockey.	Cricket.	Total.
H.Q. Wing, 5th Fusiliers ..	19 1/5	20 4/5	—	40
"A" Coy., 5th Fusiliers ..	14	16	3	33
"B" Coy., 5th Fusiliers ..	12	8	2	22
"B" Coy., K.O.Y.L.I. ..	6	6	5	17
"C" Coy., K.O.Y.L.I. ..	4	0	8	12

SERJEANTS' MESS NOTES.

The writer hopes that these notes will be like the flapper's skirt—short enough to be interesting, long enough to cover the subject.

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Since the last issue of the *Gazette*, C.Q.M.Serjts. Goodfellow and Hamilton, and Serjts. Jones, Ashton, Springate, Tindall, Rutherford, Wood and Davey, have rejoined from leave in the United Kingdom. They made the return journey on the *Dorsetshire*, and, incidentally, returned to old scenes by reason of the boat calling at Basra. They all look very fit and full of vigour, and appear to be thirsting for a spot—of work ?

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Serjts. Wood and Davey are to be congratulated, both having joined the noble order of "Benedicks," and rumour hath it that Jones and Ashton are engaged. Oh ! those "leaves" in England ! Judging by the waist line of Serjt. Davey, it might be fairly assumed that his wife is an excellent cook.

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Serjts. Doy and Bowker have just left us for a winter leave in England. "Danny's" departure was signalised by the popping of many corks from bottles of champagne—ale (Murray Brand).

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Local shopkeepers and the Regimental Durzi have been surprised at the large number of hats purchased by Mess members of late, and are at loss to explain the abnormal swelling of the cranial organ in many cases. To the more enlightened this presents no enigma, when it is remembered that a large section of the Mess have taken Educational Training very seriously of late. In fact, as many as six members sat at the October examination for the First Class Certificate of Education. We wish them every success, which we hope to record in a subsequent issue. While attending the examination in Nowshera, they were treated as guests of the Serjeants' Mess of the 23rd Bde. of Royal Artillery, an expression of hospitality much appreciated.

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Overheard in the Serjeants' Mess :—

SERJT. "A" : "What are the two fastest things in the world ? "

SERJT. "B" : "The monoplane that flew 5 miles a minute, and —— shutting his cigarette case."

SERJT. "C" (just returned from leave in England) : "What do you think of this dusty hole ? "

SERJT. "D" : "I had an idea that the dust of Mespot was the last word, but it's only toilet powder compared to this article."

SERJT. "X" : "Did you hear of the latest suggestion concerning men not in possession of 3rd Class Certificates of Education ? "

SERJT. "Y" : "Well, I did hear that such men were to be presented with a badge showing interlaced noughts surmounted by a lion rampant, with the Latin inscription, 'Intel conspic by ab.'"

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CORPORALS' CLUB NOTES.

CHERAT,

14th September, 1927.

We wish to apologise for not subscribing notes to the previous *Gazettes*, but owing to the Battalion being distributed we are at present short of correspondents.

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We have raffled the jolly old music box, and have decided to purchase one the same as the Serjeants. Can't let the Serjeants beat us.

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We held a Dance on the 31st August, which we all enjoyed. We congratulate the Entertainment Committee and our worthy President for their efforts to make it a success. I think our friend "Fatty," of our Orderly Room Staff, owes an apology for leaving us so abruptly.

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We hear that our brethren of "C" Company at Khanspur and "D" Company at Nowshera are having a royal time.

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Our worthy friend, "Johnnie," who is acting Cook-Serjeant, is still shouting "Roll on, the boat!" We are very sorry to lose him, as he is an entertainment in himself. We have tried several ways of bribing him to extend his glorious service, but he only says his prayers, which start, "Ney, Sahib! Bahut Gharrum."

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To our members who are proceeding to the United Kingdom during the ensuing Trooping Season, we offer our congratulations and wish them success in "Civvy Street."

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Things we like to know:—

Who was the N.C.O. who is proceeding home this Trooping Season, that wrote for a catalogue with a view to purchasing a *ukele*. He must mean to serenade beneath her window when he goes to Civil Life.

Who was the N.C.O., when on the square detailing the "Secure arms from the order," said "Throw your rifle well forward, at the same time keeping your shoulders well into the hips?" Are we really contortionists?

Who was the N.C.O. who saved 70 Scissor's Slides (Green Ladies) and offered them to the Stationmaster at Pindi for his fare to Pabbi, when returning from Murree?

Who was the N.C.O. who thought that the Lewis gun and rifle had to be the same colour as his hair?

Who was the N.C.O. on the R.S.M.'s detail checking gave his fatigue party of 1 N.C.O. and 10 forms to parade?

Who was the N.C.O. who sat on top of a khud at midnight and said that he was waiting for the sun coming out?

Who was the N.C.O. who at "A" Company's Dance wanted the floor to himself when doing the "Charleston"? It was wanted, too, judging from the size of his feet.

KHANSPUR DETACHMENT NOTES.

Owing to a mistake, the last notes written from Khanspur were taken in "draft" stage. I must apologise for this, and hope that they were checked by Bn. Headquarters prior to being despatched for publication.

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The last notes dealt with our stay in Nowshera, and the first two weeks in Khanspur, so I will continue from where they left off. It took us exactly one week to assert our supremacy over all the sundry at football. This was accomplished by our defeat of the Detachment, 5th Inniskillings Dragoon Guards by 2—nil, and of the Detachment, 4/7th Dragoon Guards by 5—1.

Hockey was tried, but the ground was found to be too uneven, and in some places really dangerous.

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The best game was the football match between the Officers and the Serjeants of Rhanspur and the Officers and Serjeants of Ghora Dhaka, our near-by station. This resulted in a win for us by 3 goals to 1.

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Since the 1st of September the weather has improved, and as a result we have been able to get through a considerable amount of work, chiefly on the range. We are still going strong in this respect, and hope to have completed musketry by the time we return to the plains.

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Several photographs have been taken on the range, etc., but unfortenately they are too small to merit reproduction in the *Gazette*. Nevertheless, I hope to be in possession of two photographs suitable for reproduction before we leave Khanspur. These are of the graves of two Fusiliers who are buried in the cemetery at Ghora Dhaka. They are in good condition, and the stones bear the dates 1898 and 1899 respectively. These graves which we find scattered in outlying cemeteries are probably a much more impressive memorial to the Units who have visited the station than the badges which one finds cut in the rocks at various places.

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On the nights of the 27th and 28th of September we witnessed a very successful Concert in the Garrison Theatre.

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A station concert party was formed, and we were represented by Mr. Brewster, C.Q.M.S. A. Ward, Lce.-Cpl. Meggs and his "Punch and Judy," Fus. Walton, our irresistible comedian, and Fus. Butler. The show was indeed a great success, and all who took part must be congratulated.

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On the afternoon of the 4th instant, a Gymkhana was held on the sports ground. We entered for all events, and everybody young and old, spent an enjoyable time.

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These will be the last notes from Khanspur this year, as our stay is rapidly drawing to a close. Already the Detachment of the 5th Inniskilling Dragoon Guards have left, and we are, "holding the fort." The Detachment of Royal Horse Artillery also made their departure last week. We owe a lot to both these Units for the very pleasant time we have spent in Khanspur. They have co-operated with us, not only in games, but also on training, having accompanied us on a route march in preparation for their march from Khanspur to Rawalpindi. It is something unusual to hear of Cavalry doing a march of 60 miles. We wish them all the best of luck. We shall meet them again shortly, when the time for manœuvres is upon us.

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RESULTS OF COMPANY RIFLE MEETING, HELD ON 17TH, 18TH AND 19TH OCTOBER, 1927.

Class "A" (Marksmen and 1st Class Shots).

200 *Yards*, 5 *rounds*, H.P.S. 20. (Prizes—1st, Rs. 8 ; 2nd, Rs. 5 ; 3rd, Rs. 3).

1st, C.S.M. Larkman (score 20, prize Rs. 8) ; 2nd, Fus. Graham (score 19, prize Rs. 1/13), Fus. Bowerbank (score 19, prize Rs. 1/13), Fus. Butters (score 19, prize Rs. 1/13), Fus. Parr (score 19, prize Rs. 1/13), Fus. McGiven (score 19, prize Rs. 1/13)

300 *Yards*, 5 *rounds*, *H.P.S.* 20. (Prizes—1st, Rs 8 ; 2nd, Rs. 5 ; 3rd, Rs. 3.

1st, Fus. Graham (score 17, prize Rs. 6/8) ; Fus. Parr (score 17, prize Rs. 6/8) ; 3rd, Fus. Langmead (score 16, prize Rs. 1), Sjt. Baker (score 16, prize Rs. 1), Fus. McVay (score 16, prize Rs. 1).

500 *Yards*, 5 *rounds*, *H.P.S.* 20. (Prizes—1st, Rs. 8 ; 2nd, Rs. 5 ; 3rd, Rs. 3).

1st, Lce.-Cpl. Kemp (score 16, prize Rs. 8) ; 2nd, C.S.M. Larkman* (score 20, prize Rs. 5) ; 3rd, Fus. McKee (score 15, prize Rs. 1), Fus. McVay (score 15, prize Rs. 1), Lce.-Cpl. Cooke (score 15, prize Rs. 1).

* Forbidden by rules to win more than one 1st prize.

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Class "B" (2nd and 3rd Class Shots). Conditions and Prizes as in Class "A."

200 *Yards*.

1st, Fus. Kitson (score 20, prize Rs. 8) ; 2nd, Fus. Young (score 18, prize Rs. 5) ; 3rd (score 17, prize Rs. 3).

300 *Yards*.

1st, Fus. Rollo (score 17, prize Rs. 5/5), Fus. Young (score 17, prize Rs. 5/5), Fus. Scott (77) (score 17, prize Rs. 5/5).

500 *Yards*.

1st, Fus. Turner (score 18, prize Rs. 6/8), Fus. Rollo (score 18 prize Rs. 6/8) ; 3rd, Fus. Lawson (score 17, prize Rs. 3).

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INTER-PLATOON SHOOTING CUP.

Winners—No. 9 Platoon, average 39.58.
Runner-up—No. 10 Platoon, average 34.89.

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HIGHEST AGGREGATE CUPS.

1st, C.S.M. Larkman (score 51, score on shoot-off 15) ; 2nd, Fus. Rollo (score 51, score on shoot-off 12).

DEPÔT NOTES.

FENHAM BARRACKS,
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE,
25th November, 1927.

Before giving an account of the activities of the Depôt for the past month, we take this opportunity of wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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Several interesting events have taken place this month.

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On Sunday, the 6th November, a composite Guard of Honour, made up of parties from the R.N.V.R. (H.M.S. *Helicon*), Royal Artillery, Fifth Fusiliers and Durham Light Infantry, was found for the visit of Lieut.-General Sir Cameron D. Shute, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., to Newcastle-upon-Tyne. Colonel Platt commanded the Guard of Honour, and a most impressive ceremony was held at the City War Memorial, in Eldon Square.

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On Armistice Day, 11th November, a party of 100 men, under Lieut. Pringle, marched down to the town to attend Divine Service in the Cathedral, where Colonel Platt laid a wreath on the Fifth Fusiliers' Memorial Window. A most impressive service was held. The "Last Post" and "Reveillé," at the beginning and end of the two minutes' silence, being sounded by Buglers of the Fifth Fusiliers' Depôt. Afterwards the party marched to the City War Memorial, where wreaths were laid by the Lord Mayor and other members of the City Corporation.

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On the 17th November, the Colours were brought on parade, and were seen by all Squads of the Recruit Company. The history of each Colour regarding the gaining of battle honours and other points of interest were explained to the Recruits.

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On Wednesday, 23rd November, the Inter-Squad Athletic Shield (cross-country run) was competed for, and was won by July Squad, who ran very well. Fus. Hodgson was the first man home. The order of finishing was :—

1st July Squad.
2nd August Squad.
3rd October Squad.
4th November Squad.

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The rate of recruiting for the Regiment has been increasing

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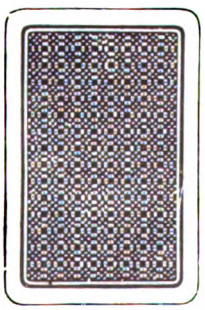

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during the past few months, and we now have four Squads at work. The barrack square is a veritable hive of industry.

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A sudden change has taken place in the Training Cadre. Every day they are to be seen instructing August Squad in the varied mysteries of the rifle, and we are hoping for a very high standard of shooting when Sjt. Dyke takes his Squad to Ponteland.

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It is with great regret that we have to say good-bye this month to Captain and Mrs. Waight and Captain and Mrs. Wombwell, who are under orders to proceed to India. We wish them " bon voyage," and hope that they will find life pleasant with the 2nd Battalion.

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The writer of these notes, having been in Nowshera himself, prefers to say no more. After all, the " Thieves " Bazaar has its uses, as one can always retrieve one's property there at a small charge !

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Captain Waight is being succeeded by Capt. Hogshaw, whom we were very pleased to see, together with Mrs. Hogshaw, when he called on us a few days ago.

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Captain Wombwell's successor is Captain Maynard, who is at present in India. We expect him sometime in January.

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On the 14th November, June Squad proceeded to Ireland, to join the 1st Battalion under Captain Wombwell and Serjeant Haddon.

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The undermentioned Reservists, who were mobilised for Service in China, returned to the Depôt on 21st October, and re-transferred to the Army Reserve after 14 days' leave :—

4256695	Fus. R. Anderson	4257366	Fus. I. Davis
4257664	Fus. W. Dugdale	4257419	Fus. G. Davies
4260542	Fus. F. Eddowes	4257455	Fus. H. Eyre
4257371	L/Cpl. C. Gee	4256692	Fus. A. J. Hare
4257394	Fus. E. Henderson	4257784	Fus. F. Johnstone
4257513	Fus. F. Pattison	4257802	Fus. T. Ridge
4257440	Fus. G. Rix	4256678	L/Cpl. F. Snowden
4257622	Fus. H. Stephenson	4257711	Fus. G. Siddell
4257420	Fus. G. W. Turner	4257456	Fus. J. Walker
4257443	Fus. R. H. Wilson	4265855	Fus. T. Blackburn*
4265840	Fus. F. Beck	4265863	Fus. J. Carradice*
4265849	Fus. E. Bond *	4265868	Fus. F. Hatton
4265862	Fus. J. F. Cooper	4265867	Fus. A. Heslop
2022113	Fus. W. L. Henderson	2022326	Fus. G. Johnson
4265851	Fus. P. E. James	4265843	Fus. C. Leigh*
4265852	Fus. J. J. Lawrence	4265857	Fus. F. Richardson
4265869	Fus. J. E. B. Montrose	4265858	Fus. J. H. Smith*
4265854	Fus. S. Scott *	4265810	Fus. W. Hush
4265848	Fus. A. Turnbull	4265821	Fus. H. Pickering
4265817	Fus. W. Middlemiss	4265823	Fus. J. White
4265806	Fus. J. Watson	4265785	Fus. A. E. Clark
4265789	Fus. F. Carty	4265801	Fus. T. James
4265752	Fus. G. W. Forster	4446020	Fus. R. F. Pearson
4265749	Fus. R. F. Jardine	4265768	Fus. T. Y. Young
4265791	Fus. J. Simpson		

Those marked * awarded Distinguished Certificates.

4TH (T.A.) BATTALION NOTES.

NEWBURN-ON-TYNE,

23rd November, 1927.

A Parade was held at Newburn, on Sunday, 6th November, to attend the Armistice Day Service in Newburn Parish Church. The service was conducted by our Chaplain, the Rev. C. Milner, who came over from Hexham for the occasion. At the conclusion of the Church service, the Detachment, accompanied by the Newburn Branch of the British Legion and the Newburn Boy Scouts, marched to the War Memorial, where a short service was held and wreaths were laid.

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After returning to the Drill Hall, the Cups and Prizes won by the members of the Newburn Detachment in the Battalion Miniature Range Shoot, were presented by the Commanding Officer.

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We congratulate Mr. McLellan, Mr. Clark and Mr. Peters on their success in passing " A " at Lichfield.

SERJEANTS' MESS NOTES.

NEWBURN.

Since our last notes, serious disturbances have broken out at Newburn. The Mess has been raided in very mysterious ways ; in one of these a billiard ball of the Mk. 1 * Type was missing ; and various other war stores are missing—glasses of the large and small type, cards of the playing kind, " Phat." It has now been decided by the general staff to throw up defences.

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A report on further developments will be issued next month.

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LATE NEWS.—Billiard ball mysteriously returned. A.A.A.

HALTWHISTLE DETACHMENT NOTES.

Armistice Day has come and gone once again ; to remind us very forcibly of those men of this Detachment, and of this Country, who gave their lives for us in the Great War.

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We, as a Territorial Unit, took no part in any Armistice Day function, but on Sunday, 13th November, a very large body of ex-Service men, amongst whom were many serving Territorials, formed up at the Drill Hall and marched, under the command of Capt. A. B. Hare, M.C., to the War Memorial, where a short service was conducted by the Rev. W. D. Matthews, himself an ex-Service man.

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After the " Last Post " had been sounded by Fus. Newall, many wreaths were laid on the Memorial, the first being laid by an ex-member of this Company, Fus. Peter Johnson, who is now completely blind owing to the effects of an old wound sustained during the war. This wreath was laid on behalf of the ex-Service men of the district, and Fus. Johnson was assisted to the Memorial steps by C.S.M. Pears.

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Apart from this Armistice Day Parade, which was not a Territorial affair but an ex-Service man's parade, we have nothing to report.

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Before the next issue of these notes we shall have said good-bye to our present Colonel-Commandant, Col. H. H. S. Morant, D.S.O., and welcomed our new one, Col. W. St. A. Warde-Aldam, D.S.O.

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May we, as a Detachment, be permitted to say how sorry we are to have to lose Colonel Morant, but at the same time to welcome Colonel Warde-Aldam, who, although lately in Command of a Guards Battalion which takes its name from just across the Border and having strong connections with Yorkshire, may now be claimed as a true Northumbrian, both by reason of his residential qualifications and by reason of his taking over the Command of this Brigade.

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In conclusion, may we wish all our friends in this and the other Battalions of the Brigade, a "Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."

7TH BATTALION NOTES.

ALNWICK,

23rd November, 1927.

Armistice ceremonies were observed at Battalion Headquarters in accordance with tradition.

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At 11 a.m., on the 11th November, a wreath was laid on the Battalion Memorial in St. Michael's Church, Alnwick, by Lieut. and Quartermaster C. Adlard, M.M., on behalf of all ranks; and on Sunday, the 13th, the Battalion was well represented at the very impressive service held at the Alnwick War Memorial.

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The Drums, under Drum-Major Bailey, headed a procession from the Market Place to the Memorial, consisting of the British Legion—about 200 strong—local Military Officers, the Alnwick Council and local public bodies, V.A.D.'s, Boy Scouts, Girl Guides and Police.

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The service, conducted by Archdeacon Mangin, was most impressive, and it would appear that as years go by, the necessity for these observances grows greater and their meaning more deeply and widely felt.

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In the hush of that winter afternoon it seemed that the whole of Alnwick stood bareheaded and reverent at their own shrine, whilst the Last Post sounded at the close of the service.

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Amongst the wreaths was one of Flanders Poppies, laid by the C.O. on behalf of all ranks of the Battalion.

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Armistice Sunday was observed in Morpeth on the 6th November, and a very good parade was held.

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"A" Company, with the Band, turned out in force, and the local detachment of Yeomanry, together with the Mayor and Corporation, Boys' Brigade, Boy Scouts, Girl Guides, and other local bodies, and a large number of ex-Service men and members of the British Legion also paraded.

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The parade was commanded by Col. N. I. Wright, D.S.O., D.L., and other Officers of the Battalion present were:—Lieut.-Col. the Hon. H. B. Robson, Major F. B. Cowen, M.C., Capt. R. Tranam, M.B.E., M.C., Capt. E. H. Watson, Capt. W. Potts, Mr. Grey, Mr. Fuller and Mr. Sanderson.

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After Church Service at St. James' Church a procession was formed, and headed by the Battalion Band proceeded to the War Memorial, where Captain Watson laid a wreath on behalf of all ranks. A short service was held at the War Memorial, and after the sounding of the "Last Post" the procession marched back to the Town Hall.

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At Berwick the Detachment was represented at the Armistice Day Parade at the War Memorial by Capt. A. J. K. Todd and C.S.M. P. Cole. Capt. Todd laid a wreath in memory of the Officers, W.O.'s, N.C.O.'s and men of the Battalion who fell in the war.

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Nothing of an exciting nature has occurred since our last notes.

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The Old 149th Brigade Dinner, held on 29th October, was a great success, and we were well represented by Officers past and present.

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On Saturday, 12th November, the Annual Re-union Supper of the Old 7th Battalion Machine Gun Section was held, at the "Berwick Arms," Berwick, when some twenty-six participated in what was voted an excellent night.

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Serjt. Shaw catered in very good style.

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This is the only "Re-union" connected with the Battalion that has been regularly kept up since 1919; and each year it seems to get stronger and better.

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Last year, at the Supper, it was suggested that ex-members of the Section (or others of the Battalion) might organise a visit to the Battlefields, and this suggestion bore excellent fruit, for in July a party of upwards of thirty proceeded to Ypres, where a most enjoyable four days' tour of some of the old well-known spots was spent.

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This year the supper room was decorated with numerous photographs taken during the tour.

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It has been decided to hold another event next year, with either Arras or Amiens as headquarters, and we are assured of considerably larger numbers.

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At the conclusion of this "Re-union," Major H. R. Smail, T.F., who was the original Machine Gun Officer, presented

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everyone present with a copy of the 7th Battalion History. This was highly appreciated by all.

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Strength to-day :—20 Officers, 543 Other Ranks.

"A" COMPANY NOTES.

Congratulations to Capt. Dargie and Mr. Grey on their success at the recent promotion examinations.

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In addition to the Armistice Sunday Parade, the Company was represented on Mayor's Sunday by Capt. E. H. Watson, Mr. Grey and Mr. Sanderson, C.S.M. Cogan, Sjts. Howey, Fletcher, Robson and Dodds.

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Divine Service was held at St. James's Church, after which the procession proceeded to the Town Hall, where the Mayor thanked everyone for turning out.

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Our Drill Hall is still under repair, but we are hoping to have it opened in time to commence the Training Season.

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The strength of the Company to-day is :—2 Officers and 87 Other Ranks ; and we are confident of being up to strength by next camp.

BERWICK DETACHMENT NOTES.

It is with much regret that we have had to say good-bye to Fus. H. Watkins, of the Chatton Platoon, who left us on the 17th November, *en route* for Canada, under the Government Scheme.

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He joined the Chatton Platoon at the beginning of last year, but in the short time he had with it he has done much in the Platoon's interests.

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A good type of Territorial, keen and willing to do his best, he will be missed at Chatton.

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We extend to him our heartiest wishes for his success.

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The Detachment was represented at Mayor's Sunday Church Service by Major Cowen, Capt. Gallon, Mr. Moscrop and C.S.M. Cole.

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In the Open Billiards Tournament organised by the Detachment 32 entries were received, and in the course of the first round, which was completed on the 16th instant, some very fine play has been put up.

The results of the first round are as follows :—

Mr. J. Johnstone	*beat*	Mr. A. Scott
Mr. A. Robertson	,,	C.S.M. R. W. O'Connor
Mr. J. Elliott	,,	Mr. R. Hush
Sjt. T. C. Patterson	,,	Sjt. J. Coulthard
Sjt. A. Thompson	,,	Capt. S. H. Gallon
Mr. J. Scott	,,	Mr. J. Redfern
Sjt. J. V. Taylor	,,	Mr. M. Mole
Lce.-Cpl. J. Ballantyne	,,	R.Q.M.S. T. Hall
C.S.M. P. Cole	,,	Lce.-Cpl. A. Storey
Mr. A. Pringle	,,	Lieut. D. W. Moscrop
Mr. J. Wood	,,	Cpl. J. Skelly
Mr. H. Robertson	,,	Mr. J. McLauchlan
Mr. J. Armour	,,	Cpl. W. Rhind
Mr. A. Havery	,,	Fus. W. J. Lough
Fus. J. Dryden	,,	Mr. A. Purvis
Cpl. H. Higgins	,,	Lce.-Cpl. D. S. Bury.

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The Detachment has also organised an Open Miniature Range Tournament, which has been well supported.

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The conditions are as follows :—

5 rounds Large Miniature Range Target, H.P.S.	20
5 rounds Small ,, ,, ,,	20
5 rounds Snap-Shooting	10
Total	50

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Three prizes are being given, as under :—

1. Open to all comers.
2. The best shot of the Territorials.
3. The best shot of Recruits in the T.A. and Depôt K.O.S.B.
4. Lads under 18 years. (Cadets and members of Miniature Rifle Clubs.)

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The scores at present stand :—

1.	Open.—Mr. F. Fleming, British Legion Miniature Rifle Club	50
2.	Territorials.—Lce.-Cpl. C. McLaughlin, Berwick Det.	45
3.	Recruits.—Pte. G. Seabrook, K.O.S.B.	43
4.	Under 18 years.—E. Young, Miss Evans' Rifle Club	35

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The Sports Committee have organised a Whist Drive and Dance for the 15th December, and considering the number of tickets being sold it should be a great success.

Editorial Notes.

THE OLD MILL HOUSE,
PRESTON CROWMARSH,
NEAR WALLINGFORD,
November, 1927.

We are now in a position to supply Bound Volumes for the following years :—1890, 1891, 1895, 1896, 1897, 1899, 1901, 1921, 1922, 1923, 1924, 1925 and 1926, 10/- each.

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With the most hearty feeling, we herewith send to all our readers our very warmest greetings and best wishes for 'Xmas, 1927, and throughout the coming year.

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We beg to give notice that Officers and those who pay the Officers' rate of subscription at £1 per annum, may, if they so desire, obtain a bound volume instead of receiving the monthly copies of the *Gazette*. This will not apply to the 1927 bound volume, and notifications from subscribers wishing to change over from the present arrangement to the new one must reach the Editorial Office by 31st January, 1928. New subscribers may commence at any time provided their subscription is paid as from January of the year they wish to commence.

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We hope that the above announcement will meet the convenience of many Officers who, serving with a Battalion, can usually see a copy of the *Gazette*, and who may wish to possess a bound volume, which in after years will serve him as an historical memento of his service.

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It is officially stated that there will be no training during 1928 for Sections "B" and "D" of the Army Reserve.

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We publish the following letter in order that we may share with all past and present Fifth Fusiliers, the pride engendered by the knowledge that so pretty a compliment has been earned by comrades of ours :—

To Major-General Sir Percival Wilkinson, K.C.M.G., C.B., Colonel, The Northumberland Fusiliers.

DEAR WILKINSON,

As you know, 19 Section "A" Reservists from your Regiment were called up in January this year and proceeded with the 1st Bn. The Cameronians (Scottish Rifles) to China.

The Battalion did not go to Shanghai, but spent the summer in Hong Kong : as a reinforcement to that Garrison, it played a part in preserving peace in South China.

These Reservists have returned to this Country, and are proceeding to their Depôt for demobilization. I had not the pleasure of seeing them before they disembarked from H.M.T. *Herminius*.

Major Thorburn, who has brought the Reservists home, informs me that their behaviour has been exemplary during their stay in China, and has done much to increase the prestige of our Army in the Far East. By their cheerful soldierlike spirit and efficiency during a very hot and trying summer in Hong Kong, they were an example to the young serving soldiers.

The names of the Reservists from your Regiment are :—

4256008 Rfn. R. Anderson	4257410 Rfn. G. Davies
4257586 Rfn. I. Davis	4257664 Rfn. W. Dugdale
4257458 Rfn. H. Eyre	4250542 Rfn. F. Eddowes
4257371 Lce.-Cpl. G. Gee	4256092 Rfn. A. Hare
4257394 Rfn. E. Henderson	4257784 Rfn. F. Johnstone
4257651 Rfn. F. Pattison	4257802 Rfn. T. Ridge
4257440 Rfn. G. Rix	4257711 Rfn. G. Siddell
4256678 L/Cpl. F. Snowdon	4257622 Rfn. H. Stephenson
4257420 Rfn. C. Turner	4257456 Rfn. J. Walker
4257443 Rfn. R. Wilson	

Yours sincerely,
(signed) P. R. ROBERTSON, *Major-General.*
Colonel, The Cameronians (Scottish Rifles).

The following *Gazettes* are at the Printers awaiting addresses, having been returned by the Post Office as undelivered owing to addresses being unknown :—

Mrs. Harcourt Vernon	Lieut. R. W. H. Fryer, M.C.
Miss M. Crisp	Lieut. W. P. Jones
Mrs. Henry Kilgour	Mr. J. Willing
Mr. M. Birtwhistle	Mr. J. Richardson

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Subscriptions due in December :—

Col. H. S. Ainslie, C.M.G.	J. Hutton, Esq.
R.Q.M.S. S. Ambury	Col. Hardman Jones
Br.-Gen. G. Herbert Armstrong	Col. A. Landen, D.S.O.
Col. S. M. Binny	Lieut. J. A. Maynard
Air Commodore J. M. Bonham-Carter	Major W. Platt, D.S.O.
Mr. J. Byrnes	Mr. A. Potts
Major Cubitt	Mr. W. Portway
Mr. J. Dixon	Mr. F. T. Poulter, M.C., D.C.M.
Col. H. S. Enderby	P.M.C., 1st Battalion
Lieut. H. S. Flower	Col. D. Sapte
Major S. S. Flower	Major H. C. Stephen
Major O. B. Foster	Col. W. E. Sturges
Major A. P. Garnier, M.C.	Major C. E. Thornton, O.B.E.
Mr. T. Garnett	Capt. Trenam
Major A. M. Gibbes	Col. W. N. Wild, D.S.O.
Col. E. Gordon, D.S.O.	Maj.-Gen. Sir P. Wilkinson, K.C.B., C.M.G.
Mrs. Hart Dyke	

OLD COMRADES' ASSOCIATION NOTES.

RE-UNION DINNER IN LONDON.

A RECORD ATTENDANCE.

On Armistice night, the 11th of November, 1927, the Old Comrades' Association celebrated its fifth Re-union Dinner, at the Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate Street, London, E.C. The Colonel of the Regiment, Major-General Sir Percival Wilkinson, K.C.M.G., C.B., was in the chair, and was supported by a large number of Officers and ladies, including Lady Wilkinson, Brigadier-General Armstrong, the Lady Bertha Dawkins, Brigadier-General and Mrs. Yatman, Major and Mrs. B. T. St. John, Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. C. P. Hawkes, Col. Turner, Col. Sapte, Col. J. C. Somerville, Col. H. Sandilands, Mrs. George Frend, Capt. Mowbray Sant, Major Prideaux, Col. E. B. Heard, Major and Mrs. Allan and the Misses Allan, Capt. Surtees, Capt. Chapman, Capt. Owen, Capt. and Mrs. J. Lawson, Major and Mrs. Cresswell Hobbs, Brig.-Gen. E. Norton, C.B.E., Brig.-Gen. B. T. Buckley, C.B., C.M.G., and Mrs. Buckley, Col. A. C. Temperley, C.M.G., D.S.O., Major S. S. Flower, O.B.E., and Mrs. Flower, Major W. G. M. Sarel, Major Rainsford Hanney (53rd Sikh Regt., whom many of the 1st Battalion would remember in Peshawar), Major W. J. Young (a guest from Newcastle-on-Tyne), Capt. F. Treavor, Capt. G. Pollard, Capt. J. T. Rowland and Mrs. Rowland, Capt. J. Laing, Capt. D. S. Prosser, Prebendary L. J. Percival (brother of the late Col. Percival), Mrs. E. L. Shakerley, Miss F. Oldfield.

Mr. G. Redhead officiated as Toastmaster, with his customary and vociferous efficiency ; and the complete success of all the arrangements was due to the competent efforts of the Dinner Committee, of which Mr. P. Maydon was the Chairman, Messrs. W. H. Matthews, G. Redhead and J. A. Jeffs the members, Major Allan the Treasurer, and Mr. and Mrs. H. I. Morgan the Hon. Secretary and Assistant Hon. Secretary, respectively.

At the close of an excellent menu (during the discussion of which a telegram was sent on behalf of the Association to His Majesty the King, from whom a gracious reply was received before the proceedings terminated) the loyal toasts were pro-

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posed by the Chairman, who afterwards read out telegrams of good wishes from the 1st Battalion and many comrades of all ranks who were unable to attend; and the company, having received permission to smoke, settled down to listen to a succession of admirable speeches.

"The Regiment," the toast of the evening, was proposed, in a speech of genuine eloquence, by Col. E. B. Heard, who paid a tribute to the regimental spirit which was the inspiration of the British Army in general and of the Fifth Fusiliers in particular during the Great War. Sir Percival Wilkinson, who was joined in the response with Col. J. C. Somerville, C.M.G., C.B., testified to the satisfactory manner in which the traditions assemble nearly 200 strong out of a membership of 320, for their annual dinner in London, was a practical proof of the strength of that pride of Regiment to which Col. Heard had so feelingly alluded. And Mr. H. I. Morgan, the Hon. Secretary, who also responded, gave a brief outline of the Association's activities since the dinner of last year.

The health of the "Guests" was proposed by Col. H. R. Sandilands, C.M.G., D.S.O., and responded to by Major W. J. Young, whose speech, with its interludes in the true Tyneside vernacular, proved to be one of the main features in a collection of fine rhetorical effort. After what was, perhaps, the most successful Dinner in the history of the

OLD COMRADES' DINNER, 11TH NOVEMBER, 1927.

of the Regiment were now being upheld by the 1st Battalion in Ireland, the 2nd Battalion in India, and by all four Territorial Battalions.

Major H. H. Prideaux, D.S.O., M.C., proposed the toast of "The Association," and complimented Capt. Rowland and the members of the Committee on the continued success during the past year of their efforts to promote the prosperity of the Association. Lieut.-Col. C. P. Hawkes, the President, in his reply, after mentioning the success which had attended the institution of an Unemployment Section within the Association, said that the fact that the members and supporters of the Old Comrades' Association of a Regiment whose Depôt and main recruiting area was distant almost 300 miles away, could

Association, the company broke up; though many groups of old friends and comrades remained chatting until a late hour of past days when they served together with the Colours in various parts of the Empire, before, during and even since the Great War. Among some 200 comrades and supporters of all ranks who attended were:—Mr. and Mrs. R. Ahronson and daughters and guests, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Bates, Mr. T. Brown, Mr. W. Brooks, Mr. C. Bush, Mr. A. A. Bishop, Mr. W. Bowles, Mr. T. Burdett and Miss Burdett and guests, Mr. W. Coote, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. D. Cooke, Mr. J. B. Curtin, Mr. D. Clink, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Carter, Mr. F. C. Duffell, Mr. and Mrs. Dunn, Mr. J. Dawson, Mr. and Mrs. F. Davidson, Mr. A. G. Edwards, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Farey, Mr.

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and Pan," and anyone who labours under the impression that Bach's music is " heavy " will be pleasantly surprised on hearing this attractive air from the cantata. Haydn's " With Verdure Clad," on the reverse side, is in excellent contrast, and moves with more stately step.

Among other good vocal records issued by " His Master" Voice " are those by John McCormack, " Somewhere a voice is calling " and " Far away Bells " ; Garda Hall, " Cherry Ripe " and " Down in the Forest " ; and Stuart Robertson, " Sea Fever " and " In Summer-time on Bredon." A splendid record has been made by the lay Vicars of Westminster Abbey. These constitute a fine group of singers, and they show perfect combination in the two Spirituals, " Heav'n, Heav'n " and " Deep River."

ONE OF THE " FIGHTING FIFTH."

We miss him ; yes, we miss him,
  Though the years may come and go,
Though time may pass ; the Summer shine,
  The Winter white with snow.
For he was good and kindly,
  He had every Soldier's gift,
To face this life right manfully,
  Tom Barnard—Fighting Fifth.

We miss him ; yes, we miss him,
  With his striding step down street,
You would think the band was leading,
  He'd the rythmn in his feet.
You would think the gun was shouldered,
  That the enemy would shift,
That he stepped along to meet them,
  Tom Barnard—Fighting Fifth.

We miss him ; yes, we miss him,
  Since the night when he expired,
He faced Death and he fought him ;
  In good order he retired.
He was loyal as a Soldier ;
  And he looked now for the gift
That was waiting in God's Kingdom
  For Tom Barnard—Fighting Fifth.

C.J.A.C.

S.S. Peter and Paul's Day, 1927.

The above lines were written by Dr. Corby, of the late Mr. Tom Barnard, who served 21 years with the 5th Fusiliers.—ED. *St. G.G.*

INSCRIPTION ON TOMBSTONE, MISIDA BASTION CEMETERY, MALTA.

SACRED TO THE MEMORY OF SERJEANT-MAJOR JAMES GRANT

OF THE

VTH REGIMENT

IN WHICH HE SERVED 32 YEARS

AND

DISTINGUISHED HIMSELF IN ITS RANKS IN THE BATTLES OF

BUSACO, SABUGAL, FUENTES, D'ONOR, EL BODON,

SALAMANCA,

THE STORM OF CUIDAD RODRIGO, AND ESCALADE OF THE CASTLE OF BADAIOZ

THIS TOMB IS ERECTED

BY THE OFFICERS, NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS AND PRIVATES OF THE CORPS,

AS A JUST TRIBUTE

TO HIS CHIVALROUS CONDUCT AND GALLANTRY IN THE FIELD

OBIIT 3RD APRIL, 1835.

ÆTAT 45 YEARS.

NOTES.

" Obiit " Latin for " died " ; similarly " ætat " = " aged."

The Battle of Busaco was fought on 27th September, 1810. Serjt.-Major Grant was therefore 20 years old at that time, having, it appears from the inscription, joined when 13 years old.

It is officially stated that during the past twelve months 51,513 medals have been issued by the War Office, and that the total number issued since 1920 is 13,466,821, the details being as follows :—

1914 Stars	365,622
1914/15 Stars	2,078,183
British War Medals	5,070,174
Victory Medals	5,126,403
Territorial War Medals	33,440
Military Medals	130,241
Distinguished Conduct Medals ..	33,159
Meritorious Service Medals	29,499

Many medals yet remain to be distributed because the addresses of those entitled to them are unknown ; and applications for these medals should be made without delay to the Under Secretary of State, the War Office, London, S.W. 1.

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BIRTH.

AMBURY.—On 11th December, 1927, at 17, Ryal Terrace, Newcastle-on-Tyne, the wife of ex-R.Q.M.S. S. Ambury, 1st Bn. Northumberland Fusiliers, of a daughter.

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EXTRACTS from *The London Gazette* :—

COMMANDS AND STAFF.

The undermentioned appointment is made at the War Office :—

D.A.A.G.—Brevet Lieut.-Colonel W. Platt, D.S.O., Northd. Fusiliers (dated 3rd December, 1927).

REGULAR BATTALIONS.

Capt. T. M. Scanlan, M.C., is restored to the establishment (dated 3rd October).

REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

North'd Fus.—Major and Bt. Lt.-Col. E. B. Gordon, C.M.G., D.S.O., to be Lieut.-Colonel (dated 5th May, 1925).

North'd. Fus.—Capt. D. McL. Douglas, M.C., late North'd. Fus. (T.A.), to be Captain (dated 6th December).

TERRITORIAL BATTALIONS.

4th Bn.—2nd-Lieut. O. A. Peters to be Lieutenant (dated 1st April) ; 2nd-Lieut. G. B. Smith to be Lieutenant (dated 14th April).

4th Bn.—R. V. Casebourne (late Cadet, Durham Sch. Contgt., Jun. Div., O.T.C.) to be 2nd-Lieutenant (dated 30th November).

TERRITORIAL ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

4th Bn.—Capt. H. M. Carrick relinquishes his commission on account of ill-health, and retains his rank (dated 7th December, 1927).

A RETROSPECT, 1927.

The past year has been uneventful for both Battalions. The strife has passed us by, the only representatives of the FIFTH in that part of the world being nineteen Class "A" Reservists who have been serving in Hong Kong with the 1st Bn. The Cameronians.

It is most gratifying to hear from their Commanding Officer how well they have conducted themselves, and how glad he was to have such men.

The 1st Battalion, at Ballykinlar, has not even been engaged in any civil commotion (for which we are all duly thankful) ; nor has the 2nd Battalion, at Nowshera, been called upon for any "Frontier" expeditions.

As we write, His Majesty King Amanullah is on his visit to England, and this may have far-reaching effects in fostering a more friendly spirit and creating a better understanding between the two countries. It is most important in the interests of peace with frontier tribes that the friendliest relations should exist between Afghanistan and the British Government.

Recruiting for the Regiment continues steady and satisfactory. The 1st Battalion, after supplying its proper quota for service with the 2nd Battalion, is still nearly 600 strong.

Turning to training, we can say that satisfactory progress has been made, though owing to wet weather the 1st Battalion were unable to carry out Brigade Training ; after a three days' march to the training area, it arrived there only to hear that training had been cancelled. The three days' march was, however, a useful experience for the young soldiers who came through it most creditably, for, though the actual distances marched were not long, the weather conditions were more than usually trying.

The 2nd Battalion have earned golden opinions from the General Staff, and seem to have found their "hill legs" remarkably quickly. This speaks well for their general fitness.

Whilst on the subject of training, it is most disappointing to have to record once again that our musketry results are very far from what they should be. The annual musketry course is being very much revised for 1928, so we hope that this may mark the beginning of better results.

While there has been no change in the command of our Regular, there have been two to record in our Territorial Battalions. Lt.-Col. B. Cruddas, after having served already with the 1st and 2nd Battalions for 25 years, is now commanding the 4th Battalion *vice* Lt.-Col. C. O. P. Gibson, and Lt.-Col. the Hon. H. B. Robson has taken over command of the 7th Battalion from Lt.-Col. N. I. Wright.

Owing to Lt.-Col. Platt being suddenly transferred to a Staff appointment at the War Office, Major Chenevix Trench has succeeded in command of the Depôt. (Whilst on the subject of Staff appointments—When will the younger generation of our Officers begin to realise how important it is for them to get to the Staff College ? We should like to see a few more with "P.S.C." after their names in the Army List. It is both good for them and also for the Regiment.)

Turning to sports and games, we have more than held our own during the past year. The Home Battalion have won the Army in Ulster Athletic Meeting, Heavy and Light Tug-of-War, Boxing, Cricket and Cross-Country Run, also the Kilworth Cup in the Command Rifle Meeting.

Our "Cooks" and "Transport" have also distinguished themselves by winning the N.I.D. Cookery Competition and the N.I.D. Transport "Turn-out" Competition. This reflects great credit on all concerned.

The 2nd Battalion have not been so favourably placed, as they have not the good playing grounds and facilities that exist at Ballykinlar. Notwithstanding this, they were only defeated in the final in both hockey and football, and they have won the Peshawar District Boxing Championship. There is no doubt that the "Hart" Cups have given a great impetus to boxing in the Regiment.

We are glad to see that "liaison" between Regular and Territorial Battalions grows stronger from year to year. We hope that many Territorial Officers who are able to, will come and be attached to the Home Battalion during next Training Season.

We are sorry to say that Unemployment is still very rife on the Tyne, though through the strenuous and unremitting efforts of the Secretary, Northumberland Fusiliers' Aid Society, many time-expired Fusiliers are found employment and help on their way. Considering the opportunities that await them in the Colonies, it is a pity that emigration is still so unpopular with ex-soldiers.

In conclusion, this "Retrospect" would be incomplete without reference to our Editor, who, in spite of scant help and "copy" from members of the Regiment, still carries on. Few people realise what a lot of work the editing of the *St. George's Gazette* entails, and we are all very grateful to him.

A vote of thanks is also due to Messrs. Grigg and Son, Ltd., for the efficient way in which they have published our *Gazette* since it was first started in 1886.

In bidding farewell to 1927, we feel that we can look forward with confidence to 1928.

Regimental Notes.

1ST BATTALION NOTES.

BALLYKINLAR,

December, 1927.

The past month has been devoid of any matters of great movement or interest, as is usual when we are in the middle of the leave season.

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Capts. Buckley and Gatehouse and Lieuts. Carr-Ellison, Bolster, Clarke, Whelan and Stockley have departed on "leave."

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Those who are still here have managed to get in plenty of hunting and shooting in their spare time. Our shooting "bag" is now 396 head, including 26 ducks and 213 snipe. Our hunting and football notes will be found below.

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A Recreation Room for boys was opened about the middle of last month, and is proving a great success. Financial aid from the P.R.I. has enabled their sports gear to be completed, and also one of the dining halls to be turned into a large and comfortable reading-room. "Ping pong" and other similar games are provided. Many thanks are due to Bandmaster Windram for the trouble he has taken over decorating the room.

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Several "boys'" football fixtures have been arranged by the Padre with schools in the neighbourhood, but most of these have unfortunately had to be cancelled owing to influenza.

first Army Cup Competition. It is some time since this Regiment appeared in the "Results" in the A.R.A. Handbook. If we concentrate on fewer events next year, perhaps we shall do better.

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Major Chenevix Trench is leaving us next week to Command the Depôt. We refrain from the usual slogan, "Our loss will be, etc., etc.," as too obvious ? ? ? Perhaps, if he finds he can get away for the "inside of a week" later on, he will come back and see us. After nearly two years at Ballykinlar, he has become quite an experienced "Cross Channel" traveller.

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Congratulations to Capt. Powell on having passed for promotion in Subject "D."

HUNTING NOTES.

Although at the beginning of November hounds did not

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MEET OF THE EAST DOWN HARRIERS' HUNT AT THE OFFICERS' MESS, 1ST BATT. FIFTH FUSILIERS, BALLYKINLAR.

We hope to play the other Units in the N.I.D. after the Christmas "leave."

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A draft of 201 Fusiliers left here on the 28th November for India; Major Booth and Capt. Waight also sailed with the draft. We wish them all the best of luck.

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Capt. H. O. Sutherland rejoined here on the 9th December, after completing a tour of duty at Hythe as Instructor in "Small Arms." He is awaiting posting at present. He is proceeding on leave to Switzerland on the 14th December, to recuperate from his exertions at Hythe. We hope that he will eventually return here and give us some useful hints about how to improve our musketry results during the coming years.

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We entered for several A.R.A. competitions this year. Congratulations are due to "W" Company, who were 4th in the

hunt for two days, owing to the wet condition of the ground, we have had some very fair sport since.

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Our best day was with the County Down Stag Hounds, when the deer took us over the best line of country for a nine-mile point. It finally took to the sea at the mouth of Strangford Loch.

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The Country hunted by the East Down Harriers is too plentifully supplied with hares. Few have been accounted for so far, because fresh hares are always jumping up at the critical moment.

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Colonel Herbert has had the bad luck to strain his riding muscles badly. This has kept him out of the saddle for some weeks. At the moment of writing he is in London doing a "cure," and we hope he will soon be alright again,

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Capt. Seth-Smith and Mr. Bolster went down to the Free State for two days' hunting, and had two good days with the "Meath" and the "Wards." They report that the "drains" in that country are "terrific."

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On 12th December, the East Down Harriers met at the Officers' Mess. About fifty people were entertained, and we all had a very enjoyable day.

FOOTBALL NOTES.

ASSOCIATION.

The Inter-Company Football Leagues have been completed. The results were :—

"A" LEAGUE.	"B" LEAGUE.
1st, "Z" Company.	1st, "Z" Company.
2nd, "Y" Company.	2nd, "X" Company.
3rd, "X" Company.	3rd, "W" and "Y" Companies.

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Army Football Cup.

We drew a "bye" in the 1st round.

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In the 2nd round we met the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers The game was played on 19th November, in Belfast. The ground was in a terrible state. There were large pools of water all over the ground, and control of the ball was very difficult. Each side scored twice in the first twenty minutes. After this our team seemed to go to pieces, and never seemed to be able to control the ball. This may have been partly due to the fact that our ground is sandy soil and always in good condition. We missed Fus. Doherty, who was unable to play owing to a bad knee. The final score was 9—3 against us.

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We must hope for better results in the N.I.D. Cup, the 1st round of which is to be completed by 31st January.

RUGGER NOTES.

The Garrison XV., consisting of 14 Fusiliers and 1 Sapper Officer, still maintain their unbeaten record. Lieut. Cocks, R.E., has turned out for us in the absence of our regular scrum-half, Mr. Laing, who is busy passing his 2nd Class Education at Shorncliffe.

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Mr. Yorke started building the team in the early days of September, and his forwards showed up extremely well in the first match of the year, and continue to improve.

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Rugger, as we all know, is not an easy game to pick up after the twenties have been reached, and what our scrum may lose in the technique of the game they certainly make up with dash and determination. They have taken a little time to settle down on some occasions, but in every match played so far have been well "on top" in the last 15 minutes.

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We are fortunate, perhaps, in being able to find Officers for halves and inside three-quarters, but we have two Other Ranks on the wings who go for the line and take a considerable amount of stopping.

We have also been fortunate in having two fixtures with Campbell College, the second match being an exceptionally good game. The College play a hard, open game, and are hard as nails and fit into the bargain, and have certainly shown our people the right way to go about the game.

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In our last match with the "North," Mr. Yorke had the misfortune to break his collar bone, and is now lying strapped up in Belfast Hospital. He has our sincere sympathy, and at the same time our gratitude for the time and labour spent in making this our first real rugger team since the war.

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The following matches have been played :—

v. Downpatrick	won	14—5
v. Campbell College	won	3—0
v. Campbell College	won	11—8
v. West Yorks.	won	11—8
v. North ("A" Team)	won	11—9

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Mr. Yorke, Mr. Kilgour and Mr. Carr-Ellison have been playing regularly for the North teams, and the Press write quite pleasantly about their performances. Mr. Carr-Ellison has recently been promoted to the 2nd Team, and we think, with the little bit of extra dash, he might find himself with Mr. Kilgour.

SERJEANTS' MESS NOTES.

Owing to the continued inclement weather our activities since last notes have been confined to indoors.

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The Whist Drives and Dances continue to increase in popularity. So much so that it has been necessary to obtain a special dispensation for additional seating accommodation.

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The results of the Whist Drives during the month are as follows :—

	LADIES.	GENTS.
30/11/27	1, Mrs. Dennis	1, Mrs. Humphrey
	2, Mrs. Brown	2, C.S.M. Ratliff
	(Mrs. Humphrey played as Gent.)	
7/11/27	1, Mrs. Rowsell	1, R.Q.M.S. Capstaff
	2, Mrs. Speed	2, Bandmaster Windram
14/12/27	1, Mrs. Speed	1, Sjt. Kelly
	2, Mrs. Capstaff	2, Sjt. Locke
21/12/27	1, Mrs. Capstaff	1, Lce.-Sjt. Croft
	2, Mrs. Carlin	2, Lce.-Sjt. Gossage

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We now have two Ladies' Dance nights during the month, and they are proving exceedingly popular.

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On the 3rd instant they provided much merriment by introducing a novel competition.

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The general idea was that on a very elaborate drawing of a pig, the competitors were required to affix the tail in the correct position.

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This seems to be very easy, but when it is explained that the competitors were blindfolded and then submitted to a prolonged gyrational movement, which was rather inclined to upset the direction, it proved not so easy.

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Many of the efforts caused much laughter, as the tail was affixed to many and various parts of the pig.

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One competitor succeeded in affixing it to the piano.

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Eventually the would-be prize-winners were reduced to three, and the successful competitor proved to be Sjt. Dempster.

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The other two who "also ran" were C.S.M. Blakey and Sjt. Wixon.

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The Billiards Cup Competition is nearing completion, but details of the games must be held over until next issue.

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The Old and Young Soldiers are at it again. This time the bone of contention is billiards.

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Two matches of teams representing these formations have been played. Details are as follows :—

OLD SOLDIERS.		YOUNG SOLDIERS.	
Lce.-Sjt. Hobbs ..	56	Sjt. Wixon ..	100
C.Q.M.S. Lufford ..	100	Sjt. Reaney ..	69
Sjt. Burgess ..	100	C.S.M. Blakey ..	62
Sjt. Gibbons ..	100	Lce.-Sjt. Croft ..	65
C.S.M. Carlin ..	100	Sjt. Hurt ..	88
Q.M.S./O.R.S. Gale ..	25	Sjt. Swain ..	100
Sjt. Murphy ..	100	Sjt. Dempster ..	73
	581		557

OLD SOLDIERS.		YOUNG SOLDIERS.	
R.S.M. Rowsell ..	100	Sjt. Moore ..	81
Bandmaster Windram ..	100	Lce.-Sjt. Gossage ..	65
R.Q.M.S. Capstaff ..	100	Sjt. Chapman ..	85
C.S.M. Ratliff ..	71	Lce.-Sjt. Mears ..	100
C.S.M. Carlin ..	32	C.S.M. Scott ..	100
Sjt. Hobbs ..	100	Sjt. Bramley ..	26
	503		457

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It will be seen that both matches resulted in a win for the Old Brigade.

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This leads one to think that they are better at indoor games than outdoor.

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Another football match between "Married and Single" is pending, but held up for better weather conditions.

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Since the installation of the "Wireless," it has become extremely difficult to walk about in the Mess Rooms.

The rooms at present represent a very complicated system of wiring.

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Will wireless experts please note that if a piece of wire is attached to the lead-in, and held in the left hand, the volume is much greater than that obtained without this additional piece of wire.

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The Mess President now keeps a roster for "holders on."

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Who was the cute member who on entering the Mess found that his favourite chair near the fire was occupied, told the occupier he was wanted at the door, and immediately reclaimed his chair ?

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And what did the dupe say ? Hush !

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Who was the member, desirous of airing his knowledge of the French language, who exclaimed to the waiter : "Fermez le porte" ?

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And what did he think when the said waiter produced a "lemon and port," and demanded the money ?

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Congratulations to C.Q.M.S. Shaw, Sjt. Irwin, Sjt. Timbers, Lce.-Sjt. Locke, Lce.-Sjt. Forbes, on the award of the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal.

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The select band in the Mess now numbers 22.

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On Thursday and Friday, the 8th and 9th instants, a group of Single members could be espied in a corner of the Mess Room with their heads together, and there was much talking and nodding of same heads.

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These people—to wit, Sjts. Chapman, Moore, Dempster, and S/Sjt. Burgess of the R.E., ably led by Sjt. Crawley, were evidently planning a deep conspiracy.

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The result of this was seen on Saturday, the 10th instant, when the usual Mess Dance blossomed forth with the Dining members as the hosts of the evening.

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The usual Orchestra had been augmented for the occasion and rendered delightful music under the leadership of Cpl. Purcell.

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The dance room had been tastefully decorated in honour of the event, and there was real Christmassy feeling about the whole affair.

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During the evening a competition for ladies was announced by Sjt. Moore, with a humorous little speech.

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It was called the Advertisement Guessing Competition, and "Pony" while reading out the various notes caused roars of laughter.

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Twelve adverts. had been cut from a daily paper and pasted

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on a board, and the ladies were allowed ten minutes to guess them all correctly, or otherwise.

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In the case of there being no lady with all correct, the prize then went to the lady with the highest number right.

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At the end of the allotted time the papers were collected in and checked. Sjt. Moore then announced the prize-winners, who were :—

1st (after a tie), Miss McCowan.
2nd (after a tie), Mrs. Carlin.

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There was also a Spot Waltz Competition, which was won by Mrs. Capstaff and Sjt. Moore.

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During the interval a splendid light supper was provided, which was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone.

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Sjt. Dempster, R.E., is to be very sincerely congratulated on his splendid work in the poster and decorating line. He made a splendid poster advertising the show, and also constructed a very novel and beautiful Dance Indicator.

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The whole affair went with a jolly swing and was immensely enjoyed by all.

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The Dining members are to be congratulated on staging so fine a show.

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The correct list of adverts. was as follows :—Gillette Razor, Californian Syrup of Figs, Horlick's Malted Milk, Pear's Golden Glory, Sunlight Soap, Kodak Kodascope, Wincarnis, Culmac Shaving Brush, Capstan Cigarettes, Kensitas, Bisto Gravy Salt, Cow and Gate Milk.

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Of these the winning ladies each guessed five correctly.

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Greetings for the festive season have been received from the following :—Serjeants' Messes, 2nd Bn. East Lancashire Regt., 1st Bn. Grenadier Guards, 1st Bn. K.O.Y.L.I., Prince of Wales' Volunteers, 1st Bn. North Stafford Regt., Depôt Royal Ulster Rifles, 2nd Bn. The Black Watch, 3rd Bn. The Coldstream Guards, 1st Bn. The Norfolk Regt., 1st Bn. The Welch Regt., Military Police, Belfast, 1st Bn. West Yorkshire Regt., 38th/4th Regimental Depôt, 1st Bn. Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, 2nd Bn. The Royal Scots, 2nd Bn. The East Yorkshire Regt., 2nd Bn. The Queen's Royal Regt., The Wiltshire Regt., The Royal Army Service Corps, 1st Bn. Royal Ulster Rifles, 1st Bn. Highland Light Infantry, 1st Bn. Suffolk Regt., 1st Bn. Gloucestershire Regt., The King's Own, The Prince of Wales Regt., The Life Guards, Royal Military Academy, 1st Bn. Royal Warwickshire Regt., 1st Bn. Irish Guards, 2nd Bn. Dorsetshire Regt., Depôt 5th Fusiliers, 2nd Bn. Wiltshire Regt., 2nd Bn. Somersetshire L.I., 1st Bn. Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire L.I., 2nd Bn. The Hampshire Regt., 1st Bn. The Inniskilling Fusiliers, Depôt Royal Warwickshire Regt., The Royal Scots Fusiliers, 14th/20th Hussars, 1st Bn. Royal Scots Fusiliers, Depôt Royal Welch Regt., The Royal Scots, 2nd Bn. Devonshire Regt., 1st Bn. Royal Sussex Regt., 1st Bn. Hampshire Regt., Small Arms School, Hythe, Central Recruiting Depôt, Whitehall, 1st Bn. Lincolnshire Regt., 2nd Bn. Middlesex Regt., 2nd Bn. Gordon Highlanders, 2nd Bn. Leicestershire Regt., No. 15 Company R.A.M.C., 1st Bn. Yorks and Lancaster Regt., 2nd Bn. Cheshire Regt., 5th Bn. North'd. Fus., The Loyal Regt., 1st Bn. The Buffs, Depôt K.O.S.L.I., The Guards Depôt, Depôt Worcestershire Regt., 6th Bn. North'd. Fus., 1st Bn. The Sherwood Foresters, 2nd Bn. Gloucestershire Regt., The Royal Irish Fusiliers, 1st Bn. The Royal Fusiliers, 4th Bn. North'd. Fus., 2nd Bn. Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders ; Major-Gen. F. F. Ready, C.B., C.S.I., C.M.G., D.S.O., and Staff, Headquarters N.I.D. ; Brig.-Gen. and Mrs. Yatman ; Rev. Hutchings, C.F. ; Lt.-Col. W. N. Herbert, C.M.G., D.S.O., and Officers, 1st Bn. 5th Fusiliers ; Mr. and Mrs. Reardon ; Sjt. and Mrs. Baker, 2nd Bn. ; Adjutants' Press, Ltd.

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CORPORALS' CLUB NOTES.

In a fold where every trivial accident is snatched at by its jaded inmates as meat for hours of excited gossip, an event so unparallelled as the departure of two hundred and fifty men to India was bound to stir our members to throbbing ecstacies of joy.

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If ever a line of classical poetry applied to the psychological situation of a modern man, that line which runs, "They change their skies above them, but not their hearts, who roam," wholly illustrates those who are gone and those who are left.

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Whilst regretting the departure of Lce.-Cpls. Magee, Balding, Dunne, Spanton, Nicholson, Bolam, Gordon, Auguston, Eager, Harrison, Craggs, Larkman, Blakey, and wishing them every success in the 2nd Bn., we cannot but recall many of their cries of Ballykinlar's lost summer, and we trust the blue skies of India will be more appeasing.

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We also regret the departure of Lce.-Cpl. Crudgington, who has gone to civilian life and the A.R.

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Congratulations are extended to Lce.-Cpl. Humphreys on his marriage, and we hope to see Mrs. Humphreys at our future functions.

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We also congratulate Cpl. and Mrs. Maddox on the birth of a son.

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We are very pleased to note the success of Lce.-Cpl. Gray, who has passed the long "qualifier" at Aldershot.

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At the monthly Club meeting, it was agreed not to have a Christmas Ball, and we are to have a very quiet time—that is if our newly-acquired noise-box allows us, and "Bill's" melodious voice is silenced.

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Bill has been assiduously practising carols at Tyrella and in camp, and it is with some concern that the writer views the festival time.

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Another scribe will tell readers of the success of Bill's vocal attainments, in the next issue.

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" Romeo " has gone on a month's furlough, and we sincerely hope his health will not suffer through his losing his evening meal.

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" Pip," " Squeak " and " Wilfred " have been practising hard in the hopes of a Christmas Handicap, but methinks their practice will avail them little.

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The doings of these three youths in that old town of Downpatrick has attracted much attention.

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On Fridays and Saturdays they embark upon one of their hazardous exploits, and on occasion their R.R. takes them to Ballynahinch.

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We have heard that it was at this old town that the ground arose and hit Wilfred.

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BILLIARDS.

During the month, after many hard games, another handicap has drawn to its close, and we congratulate Lce.-Cpl. Burgon on his winning and Lce.-Cpl. O'Hara on being second.

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Actual scores of games played are herewith shown :—

First round.

Cpl. Higgins		Cpl. Obey (2) ..	.. 100
Lce.-Cpl. Charlton—scratched		Lce.-Cpl. Fairhurst	.. 98
Lce.-Cpl. Pennock ..	71	Cpl. Collier ..	.. 100
Lce.-Cpl. Waterhouse ..	100	Lce.-Cpl. Leahy	.. 92
Lce.-Cpl. O'Hara ..	100	Lce.-Cpl. Hulse ..	.. 100
Lce.-Cpl. Baker ..	91	Cpl. Ross ..	.. 53
Cpl. Maddix	100	Lce.-Cpl. E. Morton	.. 100
Lce.-Cpl. Muschialli ..	78	Lce.-Cpl. Peacock	.. 81
Lce.-Cpl. McLean ..	89	Lce.-Cpl. Burgon	.. 100
Lce.-Cpl. Weldale ..	100	Lce.-Cpl. Stobbart	.. 65
Cpl. Graham	100	Lce.-Cpl. Frazer	.. 100
Lce.-Cpl. Graham ..	92	Cpl. Purcell ..	.. 91
Lce.-Cpl. Anderson ..	100	Lce.-Cpl. Walton	.. 100
Lce.-Cpl. Sharp ..	64	Lce.-Cpl. Humphreys	.. 92
Lce.-Cpl. Pyle	100	Cpl. Kirby ..	.. 100
Cpl. Obey (1)	81	Lce.-Cpl. Smart	.. 79

Second round.

Lce.-Cpl. Frazer ..	100	Lce.-Cpl. Burgon	.. 100
Cpl. Maddix	47	Lce.-Cpl. Anderson	.. 93
Lce.-Cpl. O'Hara ..	100	Lce.-Cpl. Hulse ..	.. 100
Lce.-Cpl. Waterhouse ..	73	Lce.-Cpl. E. Morton	.. 97
Cpl. Higgins	100	Cpl. Kirby ..	.. 100
Lce.-Cpl. Pyle	85	Cpl. Graham ..	.. 76
Lce.-Cpl. Weldale ..	100	Cpl. Obey ..	.. 100
Lce.-Cpl. Walton ..	93	Cpl. Collier ..	.. 84

Third round.

Lce.-Cpl. Hulse	100	Cpl. Kirby	scratched
Cpl. Higgins	90	Lce.-Weldale ..	w.o.
Lce.-Cpl. Burgon ..	100	Lce.-Cpl. O'Hara	.. 100
Cpl. Obey	39	Lce.-Cpl. Frazer	.. 94

Semi-Finals.

Lce.-Cpl. O'Hara ..	150	Lce.-Cpl. Burgon	.. 150
Lce.-Cpl. Weldale ..	126	Lce.-Cpl. Hulse ..	.. 112

Final.

Lce.-Cpl. Burgon ..	.. 200
Lce.-Cpl. O'Hara ..	.. 93

Winner .. Lce.-Cpl. Burgon.

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On the 14th, the undermentioned teams, representing the " Fold " and the Band, played an interesting game of hockey, which we eventually won by 3 goals to 1 :—

Bdsmn. Glenn.
Bdsmn. Cane. Fus. Walsh.
Cpl. Cook. Fus. Usher. Bdsmn. Anderson.
Bdsmn. Paindavoine. Lce.-Cpl. Hird. Lce.-Cpl. Attree.
Bdsmn. Pinder. Fus. Taylor.

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Cpl. Morgan. Lce.-Cpl. Charlton. Lce.-Cpl. Stobbart.
Lce.-Cpl. Ingham. Cpl. Graham.
Lce.-Cpl. Theakston. Cpl. Kirby. Cpl. Ross.
Lce.-Cpl. Humphreys. Lce.-Cpl. Fairhurst.
Lce.-Cpl. O'Hara.

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The match was very ably controlled by Cpl. Obey and Bdsmn. Frost, and we take the opportunity of according them our thanks for their services.

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" Peachy " was very much upset when the referee refused to allow him to use his head for stopping shots at goal.

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An amusing incident occurred in the second half of the game, when the ball vanished.

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It was later found the " cock " had a pigeon chest, and our sleuth had little difficulty in retrieving the ball.

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Was this a case of " carrying " ?

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Query.—Who was the N.C.O. that let his Squad fall out for five minutes for a smoke, and then discovered he had no mixture (ground sheets and socks) and caused them to " fall in " again ?

" BLUFF."

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PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS.

The following promotions and appointments have been made during the month of December, 1927 :—

No. 7815344 Lce.-Cpl. F. Gooding, " X " Coy., promoted Corporal, 1/12/27, *vice* Cpl. Challen to P.T.S., 26/4/27.

No. 4263338 Lce.-Cpl. M. Waterhouse, H.Q. Wing, promoted Corporal, 2/12/27, *vice* Cpl. (Lce.-Sjt.) Brown to Supernumary List, 1/9/27.

No. 7252949 Lce.-Cpl. A. Watson, Depôt, promoted Corporal, 3/12/27, *vice* Cpl. Sharpe to A.R., 15/11/27.

No. 4263381 Lce.-Cpl. W. Pyle, H.Q. Wing, promoted Corporal, 4/12/27, *vice* Cpl. Tingey to A.R., 29/11/27.

No. 4262595 Lce.-Cpl. T. Ingham, " W " Coy., promoted Corporal, 5/12/27, *vice* Cpl. Russell to A.R., 1/12/27.

No. 4256773 Lce.-Cpl. J. Charlton, " Y " Coy., appointed Paid Lance-Corporal, 30/11/27, *vice* Lce.-Cpl. Magee to 2nd Bn., 29/11/27.

No. 4260984 Lce.-Cpl. E. Luke, H.Q. Wing, appointed Paid Lance-Corporal, 1/12/27, vice Lce.-Cpl. Whallor to A.R., 30/11/27.

No. 4263933 Lce.-Cpl. J. Ward, Depôt, appointed Paid Lance-Corporal, 2/12/27, *vice* Lce.-Cpl. Gooding promoted, 1/12/27.

No. 4263854 Lce.-Cpl. C. Thompson, " X " Coy., appointed Paid Lance-Corporal, 3/12/27, *vice* Lce.-Cpl. Waterhouse promoted Corporal, 2/12/27.

No. 6454798 Lce.-Cpl. A. Walton, " Z " Coy., appointed Paid Lance-Corporal, 4/12/27, *vice* Lce.-Cpl. Watson promoted Cpl., 3/12/27.

No. 4262806 Lce.-Cpl. A. Burgon, H.Q. Wing, appointed Paid Lance-Corporal, 5/12/27, *vice* Lce.-Cpl. Pyle promoted Corporal, 4/12/27.

No. 4262841 Lce.-Cpl. G. Johnson, H.Q. Wing, appointed Paid Lance-Corporal, 6/12/27, *vice* Lce.-Cpl. Ingham promoted Corporal, 5/12/27.

No. 4263570 Lce.-Cpl. W. Anderson, H.Q. Wing, appointed Paid Lance-Corporal, 8/12/27, *vice* Lce.-Cpl. Grudgington to A.R., 7/12/27.

LIFE IN BALLYKINLAR.

I looked first at the coin in my hand, and then at the man who had given it me.

" What's this ? " I asked. " What I owe you," replied Bill. " But—but it's gold ! " I whispered in awe. " Of course it is, and why shouldn't it be ? " protested Bill. " I've got half a dozen others ! " And he produced the golden coins from his trousers pocket and carelessly displayed them.

As I left my friend, a few minutes later, I could hardly believe that he had actually paid me the pound he had owed me for months, and that he had paid me with a real golden sovereign. Now I had intended to save that sovereign to give to some future nephew or niece I might have, but it sometimes happens that the best intentions are frustrated. Therefore, a few days ago I found myself with a new suit on and without money or cheque-book, except that golden coin of the realm, and that had never left my possession since Bill had given it to me.

I had just taken a paper from off the bookstall, when I made the discovery that I had no money but my sovereign, so I casually passed it over to the lady behind the counter.

" I think you've made a mistake ! " she murmured.

" I think not," I answered ; " that is a sovereign ! "

The young lady looked dubiously at the coin a moment or two.

" Well—we—er—don't see many like this nowadays. Er—have you a sixpence ? "

" I am afraid I haven't," I replied.

She raked over the coins in the till, and then shook her head.

" Er—I am awfully sorry, but I simply haven't got the change."

I handed back the paper and replaced the coin in my pocket and walked rather quickly away, as though I had been guilty of attempting to pass a spurious coin, leaving the lady behind the counter almost convinced of this.

I then tried to purchase some cigarettes, but the old lady had convulsions of mirth when I tendered the coin, so I walked away in disgust.

A few minutes later I was speeding away from Ballykinlar and its ignorant inhabitants in my Rolls Royce, and it was not until we reached that little village of Dundrum that I realised I only had my sovereign. When the conductor asked for the fare I handed him the coin with averted face.

" What's this ? " he demanded. " A Band of Hope medal ? "

" No," I snapped, " a Chinese mouth-organ ! "

" Well, I ain't taking any lip, or any foreign coins either."

" But it's an English sovereign," I replied.

He turned it over in his hand and then handed it back to me.

" I'm sorry," he said, " but I can't change it."

" You've jolly well got to," I said, " it's legal tender."

" Maybe," he retorted, " but I'm not the Bank of Ireland, and I can't change it."

I went red, and made a pretence of searching for other money.

" I haven't any other money," I began ; " you see —— "

The bell was suddenly rung, violently.

" I'm afraid you'll have to get off," he growled, and glared round the inside of the 'bus, or R.R., meeting the sympathetic glances of the other passengers with a satisfied smirk.

For a second I contemplated asking one of my fellow-passengers to oblige me by changing my sovereign, but one glance round was sufficient to deter me from any such folly. I alighted, and as I walked away I was conscious of the accusing eyes of nearly everyone on the departing vehicle.

I was now stranded, a good many miles from home, with no cigarettes, only my precious sovereign. Suddenly I had an idea, I would walk to a bank. Arriving there I waited a favourable opportunity and then told a cashier my story.

" Certainly we'll change it," he said politely, and he held out his hand.

" Thank goodness," I sighed with relief, and dived into my pocket. Then I tried the other trousers pocket. Then my waistcoat pockets, then—one after the other every pocket, without success. My beautiful golden sovereign was gone.

I left the Bank in a tearing rage, and tediously retraced my footsteps, then started again, and finally dragged myself home, feeling as mad as it is possible for a sober young man like myself to be.

I undressed and carefully brushed my clothes, and was hanging them up when, to my astonishment, out rolled my beautiful golden sovereign from the turned-up portion of my trousers.

I still have the coin, and maybe when I have a niece or nephew I will make them a present, but I will never again attempt to change it.

W. GRAHAM, Cpl.

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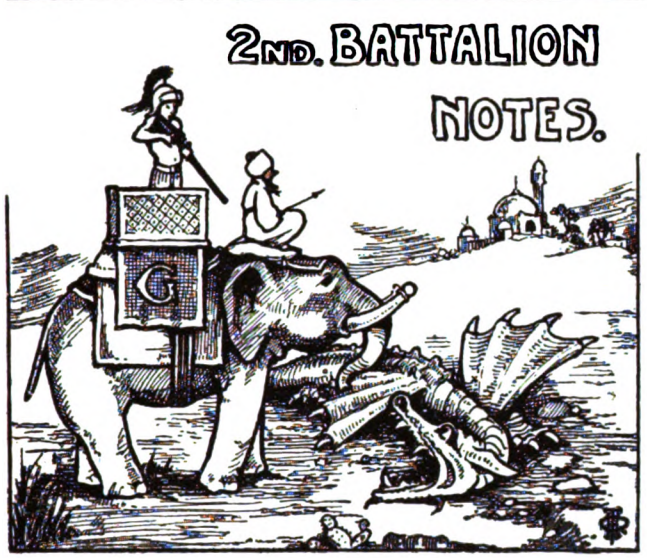

NOWSHERA,

December, 1927.

On 28th October, Major-General Sir Cyril Deverell visited the Battalion in his new capacity as Q.M.-General in India.

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We were very pleased to see him looking so extraordinarily fit—in fact, many people who know him say that he is looking at least ten years younger than when he finished command of U.P. District.

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I think he enjoyed his visit thoroughly, and he told us that while at home he had visited the Regimental Depôt and watched a football match at Leazes Park.

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When watching the football, he was pleased to meet Bandsman Anderson, whom he knew well as a boxer at Ranikhet, and had a long chat with him. He also saw Fus. Hosker, and heard of Lce.-Cpl. Whitelock, now boxing as a professional.

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General Deverell was full of new schemes for the betterment of the Army in India.

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From the first of these, for the establishment of a vast importing Depôt for canteen stores, upon which all canteen contractors can draw, we should soon be feeling the benefit of better quality and freshness of goods at lower and more uniform prices.

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A further scheme is to bring the Army in India into line with Home Units, by allowing a sum for upkeep of certain articles of equipment to each Commanding Officer. Any savings on the year to be equally divided between Regimental funds and Army funds for the benefit of the British soldier in India.

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Rations to be worked on a sliding scale as in the case of mounted Units forage accounts was a third scheme, and we may rest assured that the interests of the British Officer and other ranks is being very closely looked after by the new Q.M.G.

Lieut. Brewster left us, on posting to 2/5th Mahratta L.I., the Kali Pauchuan Paltan, which is reputed to have been raised in 1788 by an Officer of the FIFTH and until the recent amalgamation of Indian Army Units bore a red line in the Safa.

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Their Regimental History has just been published, but it is understood that the name of the Officer who raised the Regiment is still shrouded in mystery.

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Chunki kām bāhut hai, uswāste is mahine ke "notes" kam honge.

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We must apologise for starting in the language of this country. The Munshi has just left us, and we cannot, without difficulty, eject some of his phrases from our head. No doubt some of our Officers who have been studying under a munshi will, with some difficulty, and with the aid of a dictionary, be able to translate our opening paragraph. If it were not for the recent reduction in pay we would offer a small prize for the most nearly correct solution.

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Since our return from Cherat, Khanspur, Srinagar, Nani Tal, Penang, Baghdad and other outlying stations, life has been one whirl of activity. Training, football, hockey, boxing, polo, amateur dramatics and interior economy have kept us all busy.

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The football and hockey teams are busy practising and playing trial matches, and so far the outlook is good for the future of both teams.

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Headquarter Wing held their own boxing tournament on the 11th/12th November, preparatory to the Inter-Company Tournament; results of the former are given elsewhere. Details of the latter will not be in time for this month's notes.

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Polo has been going since our arrival back in Nowshera, starting off with slow chukkers—unfortunately the 23rd Field Brigade have been in camp for the last two weeks and will not

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return until the end of the month—in the normal course of events this would mean a cessation of polo until their return,

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but fortunately the Poona Horse in camp at Dargai come in on Wednesdays and Saturdays to play here. They are, it is

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INDOOR AMUSEMENT.

true, a bit above our form (at least two of them being 5 handicap players), but we ought to benefit by these games. It is proposed to enter a Regimental team for the Infantry Cup which takes place sometime towards the end of February—actual place unknown, but probably Delhi or Lahore—both places would suit us, but Delhi would be preferable as two of the team, Major Ovens and Mr. Ingledew, are already there.

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It is unfortunate that the team will have no practice together until at the most three weeks before the tournament, but it is the best we can do, as it will represent the strongest combination of whatever talent we possess.

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Whilst on this subject we would like to congratulate Mr. Surtees on his advent into the racing world as an owner. His hunter, well known with the Peshawar Vale, "Bill," secured fourth place in a recent ladies' race at Peshawar—there were more than four starters.

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To our consternation, the local paper reported him as ridden by "Mrs. Surtees," but a hasty and discreet investigation assured all that his bi-weekly excursions into Peshawar had nothing to do with this regrettable reporter's error.

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Those who thought a second year in these parts meant a quieter year have been disappointed. Every day, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., the Companies fight the good fight to, up, and beyond the Manki hills. Aeroplanes drone overhead, machine guns chatter merrily, and the 23rd Field Brigade and the light batteries dash from point to point of the sandy training area dealing out death and desolation (imaginary) at each fresh position.

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At night the Very lights rise and fall as the rival Company Commanders, with minds keen and calm, strive to penetrate their opponents' outpost line or fling back crafty and silent attacks.

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As these notes were completed by one hoping to learn to be a "key-man" in the Quartermaster's Stores, they may perhaps be a trifle highly coloured, . . . but the Adjutant has promised to write the life history of a "Key Man" very shortly and explain the divergence in news on life between these and the common herd.

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On Monday, 30th November, commences the Nowshera Week—a round of junketings and dissipation. How quite it is going to be fitted in with everything else is hard to imagine—two chukker polo tournaments with our full team (we supply one and a half teams) handicapped as high as eleven goals (local handicap), gymkhana, dances and an Amateur Dramatic Performance entitle "French Leave"—the unfortunate three from the Regiment taking part in this may easily be recognised by their low continuous muttering as they go about their daily tasks, or the lofty disdain they assume when assailed by the vulgar jests of their brother Officers.

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There is only one thing that two of them hope for—a reward in the next world for the hard work they have put in pushing the well-known motor car of the third to and from rehearsals.

SERJEANTS' MESS NOTES.

That the literary tastes of the Mess members are on the upgrade, is evidenced by the recent hot dispute between the R.S.M. and the O.R.Q.M.S. as to the ownership of that notable work, "Should Girls Tell?" Such marked appreciation of the gems of modern literature is very encouraging to A.E.C. personnel.

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It is "fairly" well known that a certain Mess member is interested in motor cycling. It is suggested, however, that he

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should undergo a course of "Silent Running," which would not be beneficial to himself alone.

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When C.S.M. Beck assiduously practices the "Charleston," it should certainly be taken as an indication of the increasing popularity of that dance. Now he is foot-perfect we are distressed to hear that the "Charleston" is to be superseded by the "Black Bottom," which it is rumoured will be very popular in India.

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The W.O. Education (of Scotch name) has just been informed of Northern Command's ruling that he will enjoy all the amenities of the Serjeants' Mess—free of charge. This gentleman's only regret in the matter is that the ruling does not include chota pegs and cigars. Whereby Nowshera might have been Elysium itself.

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The questions set at the recent N.C.O.'s promotion examination provoked much discussion in the Unit generally, particularly those concerning the load of a camel and an elephant. It is feared that the load of an elephant was not too well known The writer hopes that through the medium of these columns he may give some valuable tips for the next examination. All concerned are advised to look up the load of (*a*) a rogue

Boys' Shooting Cup Team.

Back Row.—Boy Cakebread. Boy Lee. Boy Smythe. Boy Tradewell. Boy Allan.
Front Row.—Cpl. Bennett. Boy Winter. Boy Dowdell. Boy Hardy. Boy Sanctuary. Boy Brooks.

elephant, (*b*) a white elephant, and also the scale of daily rations for (*a*) a carrier pigeon, (*b*) a dragon.

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Sjt. Ashton is obviously bent on emulating the success of Paderewski at the piano. He is to be congratulated on his perseverance. At the time of writing he appears to be busy with a composition somewhat resembling the "Kitten on the Keys." Sjt. X—— suggests that "The Cat on the Warpath" would be an appropriate title. There is little doubt that our friend Ashton is a master of discord.

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While the Mess was being prepared for the last Dance two defaulters (when the N.C.O. in charge was not looking) engaged in an animated discussion on the different dishes served at a late Dinner. One of the individuals appeared to be very well informed. His description of *hors-d'œuvre* is well worthy of reproduction—*minus*, of course, the mellifluous stream of adjectives. Here it is:—"*Hors-d'œuvre* is several little meals in one, consisting of articles served up so as to tempt the appetite—bits of broken sardines, chopped vegetable skins flavoured with bath salts, small pieces of horse-flesh rubbed with essence of pepper, and some under-sized and under-ripe plums bottled in sea-water. These are placed on a large dish,

Boy H. Brooks (Son of Sjt. Brooks, late 5th Fusiliers).

Winner of Boys' Rifle Competition, 1927.

which all the best waiters hold so that while you are salvaging a sardine you have your elbow in the potato salad."

BOYS' SHOOTING CUP.

The result of the Boys' Shooting Competition, held on the 3rd November, 1927:—

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Order of Merit.	Name.	Score.
1st	Boy H. Brooks, Winner of Cup	28
2nd	Boy Winter	23
3rd	Boy Tappenden	22
4th	Boy Spencer	18
5th	Boy Dowdell	17
5th	Boy Tradewell	17
6th	Boy Hardy	15
6th	Boy Smythe	15
7th	Boy Cakebread	14
8th	Boy Lee	12
9th	Boy Sanctuary	10
10th	Boy Allen	9

INTER-PLATOON NOVICES' BOXING TOURNAMENT.

Bantam-Weight.

Dmr. Hare, Fus. Wright → Fus. Wright

Light Heavy-Weight.

Lce.-Cpl. Horner, Fus. Calvert → Fus. Calvert

Middle-Weight.

Fus. Pluck, Fus. Wood → Fus. Wood
Fus. Walker, A bye → Fus. Walker
Fus. Wood, Fus. Walker → Fus. Wood
Fus. Foster, A bye → Fus. Foster
Dmr. Atkinson, A bye → Dmr. Atkinson
Fus. Foster, Dmr. Atkinson → Dmr. Atkinson
Fus. Wood, Dmr. Atkinson → Fus. Wood

Welter-Weight.

Dmr. Spackman, Dmr. Ware → Dmr. Ware
Fus. Gibbons, Dmr. Ross → Dmr. Ross
Dmr. Ware, Dmr. Ross → Dmr. Ware
Fus. Hodgson, Fus. Carlton → Fus. Carlton
Fus. Coates, A bye → Fus. Coates
Fus. Carlton, Fus. Coates → Fus. Carlton
Dmr. Ware, Fus. Carlton → Dmr. Ware
Fus. Vale, A bye → Fus. Vale
L/Cpl. Wilson, A bye → L/Cpl. Wilson
Fus. Vale, L/Cpl. Wilson → Fus. Vale
Fus. Rowntree, A bye → Fus. Rowntree
L/Cpl. Middleton, A bye → L/C. Middleton
Fus. Rowntree, L/C. Middleton → Fus. Rowntree
Fus. Vale, Fus. Rowntree → Fus. Vale
Dmr. Ware, Fus. Vale → Fus. Vale

Light-Weight.

Dmr. Hildrew, Fus. Vinter → Dmr. Hildrew
Fus. Gray, Dmr. Keiling → Dmr. Keiling
Dmr. Hildrew, Dmr. Keiling → Dmr. Keiling
Fus. Midlane, Fus. Wilkes → Fus. Wilkes
Dmr. Davison, A bye → Dmr. Davison
Fus. Wilkes, Dmr. Davison → Fus. Wilkes
Dmr. Keiling, Fus. Wilkes → Fus. Wilkes

Feather-Weight.

Fus. Marshall, Dmr. Read → Fus. Marshall
Fus. Wilson, A bye → Fus. Wilson
Fus. Marshall, Fus. Wilson → Fus. Wilson
Dmr. Langley, A bye → Dmr. Langley
Dmr. De Costa, A bye → Dmr. De Costa
Dmr. Langley, Dmr. De Costa → Dmr. De Costa
Fus. Wilson, Dmr. De Costa → Fus. Wilson

DEPÔT NOTES.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE,
23rd December, 1927.

It was with much regret that we had to say good-bye, on the 9th December, to Major Bt.-Lt.-Col. W. Platt, D.S.O., on the sudden termination of his period of command at the Depôt. He has left us to take up the appointment of D.A.A.G. at the War Office. We wish him the best of luck in his new "job," and our best wishes go with him and Mrs. Platt for the future.

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We hope to see them again soon, whenever they visit the North Country.

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Col. Platt is being succeeded by Major J. F. Chenevix Trench, D.S.O., who is well known in this district, as he was Adjutant of the 7th Battalion at Alnwick a few years ago. Major Trench is at present on leave, and we expect to see him about the end of this month.

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Captain and Mrs. Wombwell have also left us this month, and are having a few days' leave before sailing for India. We are extremely sorry to have to say good-bye to them, and wish them "bon voyage" and the best of luck when they join the 2nd Battalion.

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On the 14th, 15th and 16th of December the Inter-Squad Boxing was held. There were a great number of entries, and 116 fights were held. The fighting, on the whole, was good, and there was plenty of keenness shown. The Shield was won by November Squad with a score of 99 points. The order of the remaining Squads was as follows :—

2nd October	80 points
3rd September	67 ,,
4th July	47 ,,

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On Wednesday, the 21st December, the Inter-Depôt Boxing was held, between the 68th L.I. and ourselves. After some very hard fights the Shield was eventually won by the 68th Depôt, the scores being :—

68th L.I.	28 points
5th Fusiliers	23 ,,

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Major R. V. Turner, D.S.O., Commanding the 68th L.I. Depôt, presented the Shield to Cpl. Curry, captain of the D.L.I. team, on the conclusion of the boxing. We wish to thank Mr. Younnie, of the Royal Corps of Signals, and Mr. Weber and Mr. Galloway, of the Royal Artillery, for their kindness in carrying out the duties of refereeing and judging for us ; and our thanks are also due to Sjt. Gray and his assistants of the A.P.T. Staff, whose help is always invaluable on these occasions,

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BIG PRIZE COMPETITION

for "Hollandia" Milk Recipes

1st Prize—An "Austin Seven" Motor-Car
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WHERE TO SEND YOUR ATTEMPTS.

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Name .....

Address .....

.....

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A list of the fights is shown later in these notes.

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We are now at full strength in the Recruit Company, and actually have five Squads in Barracks. July Squad have just completed their training and are due to join the 1st Battalion early in January, after Christmas leave. December Squad are just completed, and after going home for Christmas, will commence their training early next month.

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On Saturday, the 10th December, a team composed of 5th Fusiliers from both the Depôt Staff and the Recruit Company, played a team from the 21st Field Brigade R.A., on the Depôt parade ground, at hockey.

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Although the rules (according to the little books) were not always strictly adhered to, we had a very good game, the final score being R.A., 2 goals; 5th Fusiliers, 1 goal.

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The writer of these notes usually finds it incumbent upon him to mention the weather. He will content himself with saying that it is, at any rate, no worse than usual, and that he is very glad that most of the snow has disappeared!

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Christmas cards were received from the following:—Lieut.-General Sir Cameron D. Shute, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Northern Command, and Officers H.Q., N.C.; Major-General Sir G. N. Cory, K.B.E., C.B., D.S.O., Commanding Northumbrian Area; Major C. H. Mapleson, A.O.C.; Col. H. R. Sandilands, C.M.G., D.S.O.; Col. Anderson; Bt.-Lt.-Col. Platt, D.S.O.; Lt.-Col. and Mrs. Landen; Major A. P. Garnier; Lt.-Col. B. Cruddas, D.S.O.; Lt.-Col. Robson and Officers, 7th Battalion; Capt. and Mrs. Trenam, O.B.E., M.C.; Col. Holbrook; Major R. Auld; Major and Mrs. K. D. Williams; Lt.-Col. and Mrs. E. B. Gordon; Lt.-Col. Rogers and Officers, 6th Battalion; Officers, Tyne Division, R.N.V.R.; Chief Constable, Newcastle-on-Tyne; Depôt The Duke of Wellington's, Depôt The Border Regt., Depôt The Leicestershire Regt., Depôt The East Yorkshire Regt., Depôt The West Yorkshire Regt., Depôt The Green Howards, Depôt The K.O.Y.L.I., Depôt The Lincolnshire Regt., Depôt The Yorks and Lancs. Regt., Depôts The North and South Staffs. Regts., Depôt The Sherwood Foresters, 9th Bn. The D.L.I.,; Corporals, 1/5th Fusiliers; Corporals, 2nd Battalion; Hythe Wing, S.A. School; W.O.'s and Serjeants, Depôt D.L.I.; 2nd Bn. The Middlesex Regt.; Officers and Officer Cadets, "D" Unity, O.T.C.

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Winners of Inter-Depot Boxing Competition.

110 to 120 lbs.

Fus. Hodgson, 5th Fusiliers.
Fus. Derbyshire, 5th Fusiliers.
Pte. Henderson, D.L.I.
Fus. Jenkins, 5th Fusiliers.
Pte. Percival, D.L.I.

120 to 130 lbs.

Pte. Patterson, D.L.I.
Pte. Gower, D.L.I.
Fus. Hanlon, 5th Fusiliers.
Pte. Halpin, D.L.I.
Pte. Leaden, D.L.I.
Pte. McQuade, D.L.I.
Pte. Turnbull, D.L.I.

130 to 140 lbs.

Fus. Harrison, 5th Fusiliers.

140 to 150 lbs.

Fus. Gatenby, 5th Fusiliers.
Pte. Laverick, D.L.I.
Pte. Curry, D.L.I.

150 lbs. and over.

Pte. Miskell, D.L.I.

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The undermentioned have been awarded Education Certificates as stated:—

2nd Class. Dated Newcastle-on-Tyne, 8/11/27.

4265802 Fus. J. S. Chambers	4265794 Fus. G. F. Charlton
4265766 Fus. T. N. Conway	4265751 Fus. G. W. Gilchrist
*4265798 Fus. T. Murphy	4265622 Fus. G. D. Scholler
4265799 Fus. T. H. Todd	4263023 Fus. W. K. Creighton
4265804 Fus. E. H. Davies	4383142 Fus. J. Hogg
*4265812 Fus. W. Nicholson	*4264968 Fus. J. Shearlaw
4260300 Fus. E. Simpson	

Those marked * awarded distinguished Certificates.

3rd Class. Dated Newcastle-on-Tyne, 8/11/27.

4265345 Fus. P. Baldwin	4265850 Fus. J. N. Dalton
4265860 Fus. J. McMullen	4264221 Fus. W. Rutherford
3265818 Fus. E. M. Lackie	4265807 Fus. J. D. Robinson
4265314 Fus. B. P. Hudson	4265793 Fus. J. H. Bishop
4265705 Fus. A. J. Bone	

3rd Class. Dated Newcastle-on-Tyne, 7/12/27.

4265870 Fus. D. Amos	4265923 Fus. G. Brown
4265874 Fus. F. Calder	4265871 Fus. T. O. Chitty
4265886 Fus. F. Davison	4265909 Fus. G. Farren
4265865 Fus. W. E. Fitzgerald	4265925 Fus. J. Fitzpatrick
4265937 Fus. A. Grange	4265856 Fus. F. Goldsborough
4265928 Fus. J. Giles	4265936 Fus. T. Gatenby
4265902 Fus. W. W. Heslop	4265915 Fus. J. R. Hatton
4265890 Fus. J. Harris	4265933 Fus. A. R. Hoefling
4265879 Fus. J. Hughes	4265919 Fus. R. King
4265864 Fus. H. Kelly	3594759 Fus. G. B. Little
4265832 Fus. R. Laidler	4265887 Fus. R. Laverick
4265889 Fus. H. Lowes	4265876 Fus. J. H. Lloyd
4265866 Fus. W. Lorains	4265853 Fus. H. Lightowler
4265910 Fus. E. Massey	4256916 Fus. T. Mallen
4265917 Fus. J. C. McKie	4265877 Fus. A. Quinn
4265899 Fus. T. K. Ridley	4265891 Fus. T. Smith
4265916 Fus. C. Tinnion	4265897 Fus. L. Towland
4265882 Fus. C. H. Train	4265898 Fus. G. Twitty
4265906 Fus. J. S. Wilson	

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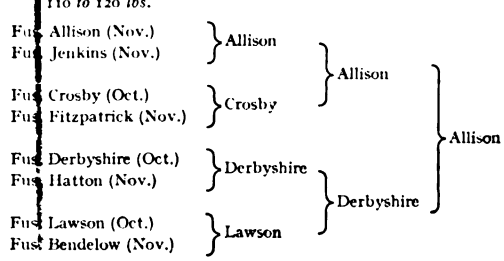
Inter-Squad Boxing Tournament.

110 to 120 lbs.



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120 to 130 lbs.

Fus. Caradice (Sept.) } Caradice
Fus. Daglish (Nov.) }

Fus. Davison (Oct.) } Gregory
Fus. Gregory (July) }

Caradice + Gregory → Gregory

Fus. Lowes (Oct.) } Hanlon
Fus. Hanlon (Nov.) }

Fus. McKie (Nov.) } McKie
Fus. Wadley (Oct.) }

Hanlon + McKie → McKie

Gregory + McKie → McKie

Fus. Pedley (Nov.) } Baldwin
Fus. Baldwin (Sept.) }

Fus. Rutherford (Sept.) } Rutherford
Fus. Metcalfe (Oct.) }

Baldwin + Rutherford → Baldwin

Fus. McConnell (Oct.) } Scott
Fus. Scott (Sept.) }

Fus. Brown (Nov.) } Brown
Fus. Lorrains (Sept.) }

Scott + Brown → Brown

Brown + McKie → McKie

130 to 140 lbs.

Fus. Lightowler (Sept.) } Lightowler
Fus. Brown (July) }

Fus. Fergusson (Nov.) } Fergusson
Fus. Roper (Oct.) }

Lightowler + Fergusson → Fergusson

Fus. Dalton (Sept.) } Hogg
Fus. Hogg (July) }

Fus. Hughes (Oct.) } Hughes
Fus. Robinson (July) }

Hogg + Hughes → Hughes

Fergusson + Hughes → Fergusson

140 to 150 lbs.

Fus. Harris (Oct.) } Harris
Fus. Moran (Sept.) }

Fus. Gattenby (Nov.) } Gattenby
Fus. Johnson (Sept.) }

Harris + Gattenby → Gattenby

150 lbs. and over.

Fus. Parker (Nov.) } Creighton
Fus. Creighton (July) }

Fus. Calder (Oct.) } Watson
Fus. Watson (July) }

Creighton + Watson → Watson

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The undermentioned mobilised Reservists embarked at Hong Kong, 1/11/27, in H.T. *Bellerphon*; disembarked at Liverpool, 12/12/27; rationed by Depôt 13/12/27; granted 14 days' leave and ration allowance from 14/12/27 to 27/12/27, and re-transferred to Army Reserve :—

4257876 Fus. W. Armstrong	4256652 Fus. G. Moran
4257241 Fus. A. Bell	4257559 Fus. J. H. Price
4262539 Fus. A. Bowen	4262800 Fus. H. Pearson
4262736 L/Cpl. H. Bainbridge	4262592 Fus. J. Slater
4257474 Fus. R. Birkett	4257348 L/Cpl. G. Stirling
4337251 Fus. H. Colby	4262578 L/Cpl. J. Smith
4258148 Fus. M. Cass	4262715 Fus. A. Sherwood
4262786 Fus. T. Chillmaid	4262808 Fus. W. Smiles
4256962 Fus. A. Clifford	4257714 L/Cpl. C. Thompson
4257616 Fus. J. Forster	4256737 Fus. E. Turner
4257951 Cpl. A. Fellows	4257800 Fus. T. Wilson
4257309 Fus. J. Gibson	4262718 Fus. J. Wright
4257878 Fus. R. Heslop	4264022 Fus. N. Walker
4262536 Fus. J. Hall	4262712 Fus. H. Gray
4262331 Fus. H. Jenkins	4257098 Fus. A. Palmer
4256702 Fus. E. Latimer	4262782 Fus. R. Thompson
4262756 Fus. L. Morrell	4262529 Fus. D. Wellings

4TH (T.A.) BATTALION NOTES.

NEWBURN-ON-TYNE,
23rd December, 1927.

As this will not appear in print until after the event, we here record our hope that all readers may have spent a happy Christmas and will enjoy a prosperous New Year.

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All hope, or should we say fear, it is according to how one looks at it, if the cold white 'Xmas of tradition has now vanished, to be replaced according to present indications by conditions which would have taxed to the utmost the resources of that old-established firm of shipwrights, Messrs. Noah and Sons.

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The New Year is the season for good resolutions, and we hope that the Clerk of the Weather will number among his, a resolve to reduce the rainfall to some extent, and let us see the sun occasionally.

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We take the opportunity of bidding good-bye to Col. H. H. S. Morant, D.S.O., who has been our Brigade-Commander for the last four years, but as he lives in the heart of the Battalion Area we may no doubt hope to still see something of him.

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We are all glad that Col. A. J. Foster, C.M.G., C.B.E., has been given an extension of his time as Honorary Colonel of the Battalion; he has always been a very good friend to us, and has shown by the interest he has taken in this Battalion, how much he has its welfare at heart.

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In spite of adverse weather conditions, the past year has been eminently satisfactory as regards progress made, except in one respect, the strength of the Battalion.

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As we have now been definitely told that we may expect a seaside camp at Marske, near Redcar, next year, we hope to see plenty of Recruits coming in as soon as drills begin.

6TH (T.A.) BATTALION NOTES.

ST. GEORGE'S DRILL HALL,
NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE,
Boxing Day, 1927.

We hope all Fusiliers have had a real 'Xmas, and wish everyone the best of luck in 1928.

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We have begun to get going again, as far as soldiering is concerned, and next month opens with a refresher class for all Warrant and Non-Commissioned Officers, under R.S.M. O'Hara.

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This is to be followed by the usual section leaders' courses, under the Company Commanders, during February and March, with special courses for the Machine Gunners and Signallers. There will also be two week-end tactical exercises for Officers under Brigade arrangements and two week-end courses for Officers and Non-Commissioned Officers under Battalion arrangements.

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The Winter Training Trophy will be awarded to the Company who shows the best results for attendance at and prowess in the section leaders' courses.

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We have to record with great regret the termination of his term of duty of our Brigadier, Col. H. H. S. Morant, D.S.O. We in the 6th Battalion said farewell to Colonel Morant at the Mess Dinner in October, when he heard exactly what we thought of him, and if his ears are not still tingling we should just like to say, on paper, how deeply all ranks feel the loss of so fine a soldier and sportsman, and wish him and Mrs. Morant many years of full pleasure, health and happiness in their retirement.

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Whether Colonel Morant will be so successful in training live stock on his farm as he has been in driving in discipline into and adjusting the kit of the ranks of the Territorials under his command, is somewhat doubtful, but at the same time we wish him well.

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We welcome as his successor, Lt.-Col. Warde-Aldam, D.S.O., of the Guards Brigade, and we can assure him he will find us all keen and willing workers with, if desired, the necessary stamp at the turn, ironed creases and boarded packs on ceremonial. We wish him a pleasant and peaceful four years.

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The Entertainment Committee have been most energetic, and we have to record (1) a successful Dance, (2) a very good Variety Show, organised by Mr. France and his fellow-subalterns, and (3) a Whist Drive.

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Our thanks are due to all who helped to make the above such great successes, and it is on these occasions one notices the individual who is really keen on his Battalion and who is prepared to sacrifice his own time and pleasure for the benefit of that of others.

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In the New Year, we hear there is to be another Whist Drive and Dance for the men, and Miss Winifred Wilkinson is organising a troup of Society High Kickers to delight the hearts of the very young, and probably the very old. There is also to be a boxing show against H.M.S. *Helican*, and the Serjeants are having their New Year's Day shoot and usual dances. Altogether, it looks as if 1928 is going to be a strenuous one from the point of view of sport and work, and we can only hope that the renewal of the Drill Hall roof is not going to wreck everything, including the finances of the Territorial Association.

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By the time these notes appear, we will have lost our Adjutant, Capt. J. T. Leese, North Staffs. Regiment, who is to be succeeded by Mr. Bennett, 5th Fusiliers.

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We are sorry to lose Capt. Leese, who has proved himself a good soldier and an organiser quite out of the ordinary. We can safely say that never before has the Orderly Room department been in such a state of efficiency, and Capt. Leese has also shown himself an expert in turning a recruit from a civilian to a passable soldier in the minimum of time. We wish him and Mrs. Leese all success in the future, and whether he continues as a soldier, or becomes an expert in glazed tiles, we feel sure he will make good. We hope he will occasionally come and see us, just to convince himself that we can still prosper without his tender care and guardianship.

We extend a hearty welcome to Mr. Bennett and are glad, for the first time since the war, to have as our Adjutant a 5th Fusilier. What we know of Mr. Bennett is good, and what we expect of him must be extra good—the Adjutant makes or mars a Battalion.

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We are now in the midst of organising a Christmas Tree and Entertainment for the children and wives of the men of the Battalion, which is to take place on Saturday, the 31st December. Everyone seems to be weighing in with £ s. d. and help, and all should be well.

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By the way, we commend all Fusiliers, and especially those who decry the Terrier (we don't think there are very many of these old croakers now above the sod), to read the special account, in the third volume of the Official History of the War, of the attack of the 149th Brigade at St. Julien. General Wilkinson read it out at the Dinner of the Brigade Dinner Club, at the end of October, and it really rather thrilled one. It is unique in two respects—one, that this was the first time a Territorial Brigade went into action in an open order attack as a Brigade (minus, alas, the support of the Gunners), and, secondly, the casualties were a record in their awfulness. The "6th" alone lost 13 Officers and 635 men, which is not to be wondered at by anyone who has since been out and had a look at the ground. Nevertheless, it was rather a wonderful show, and we Territorials were glad to have lived up to the motto—"QUO FATA VOCANT"—even though the General Staff on this occasion seem to have got on to the wrong number!

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May the Fates in 1928 give us a more peaceful call!

7TH BATTALION NOTES.

ALNWICK,

24th December, 1927.

Congratulations to Capt. S. H. Gallon and Capt. W. C. W. Potts on their promotion.

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We wish to offer a special word of congratulation to Capt. R. Trenam, M.B.E., M.C., our Adjutant, on getting a "Special" in his recent Examination "D." He has now had the distinction of gaining a "Special" in both subjects, "C" and "D."

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This clearly proves that we haven't unduly cramped his style during the time we have been looking after him.

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We wish him the best of luck.

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Colonel the Duke of Northumberland, K.G., C.B.E., M.V.O., has been granted an extension as Honorary Colonel of the Battalion for a further tenure of five years as from 15th May, 1928.

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Three of our Permanent Staff—R.S.M. Dipper, C.S.M. Clare and C.S.M. Cogan—are off for a fourteen days' course at Enfield Lock.

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There is a great paucity of matter for these notes this month, so we will close by wishing the Compliments of the Season to all concerned.

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Strength to-day—20 Officers, 548 Other Ranks.

BERWICK DETACHMENT NOTES.

The Billiard Tournament, in which the first round was mentioned in the last issue of the *St. George's Gazette*, was concluded on the first of December, and during the whole of the Competition some very fine play was witnessed.

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The play in the final between Sjt. A. G. Thompson and Mr. A. Pringle was of the highest order, and so keen was this contested that it kept the spectators enthusiastic to the end.

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Pringle was at his best, and a feature of his play was a break of 33 all off the red ball.

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The results are as follows :—

Second round.

Mr. J. Johnstone	*beat*	Mr. A. Robertson
Mr. E. Erett	,,	Sjt. T. Patterson
Sjt. A. G. Thompson	,,	Mr. J. Scott
Sjt. J. V. Taylor	,,	Lce.-Cpl. J. Ballantyne
Mr. A. Pringle	,,	C.S.M. P. Cole
Mr. H. Robertson	,,	Mr. J. Wood
Mr. A. Havery	,,	Mr. J. Armour
Fus. J. Dryden	,,	Cpl. H. Higgins

Third round.

Mr. E. Erett	*beat*	Mr. J. Johnstone
Sjt. A. G. Thompson	,,	Sjt. J. V. Taylor
Mr. A. Pringle	,,	Mr. H. Robertson
Mr. A. Havery	,,	Fus. J. Dryden

Semi-Final.

Sjt. A. G. Thompson	*beat*	Mr. E. Erett
Mr. A. Pringle	,,	Mr. A. Havery

Final.

Mr. A. Pringle	*beat*	Sjt. A. G. Thompson.

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The Miniature Range competition was keenly contested, and the results were as follows :—

Open prize.—Won by Mr. F. Fleming ; score 50 ; H.P.S. 50.
Territorial prize.—Captain S. H. Gallon ; score 49.
Recruits' prize.—Pte. J. Seabrook, Depôt K.O.S.B. ; score 43.
Under 18 years.—E. Young ; score 35.

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The Detachment organised a Whist Drive and Dance on the 15th instant, and it was a great success.

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This is the first Whist Drive and Dance that has been held in the Hall for a long time, and the success of this one tempts us to try again.

The results of the Whist Drive are as follows :—

LADIES.	GENTS.
1, Miss D. Fizackerley	1, Mr. R. Hush
2, Mrs. E. Hogg	2, Mr. A. Friar

Ladies' hidden number—Mrs. J. Fleming.

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The prizes were presented by Mrs. Todd, who also presented the prizes won in the Miniature Range competition.

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The Dance was carried on until 1 a.m., and one and all voted it a huge success.

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Special mention is due to Mr. S. Abbott, under whose direction the Orchestra played a wonderful selection of music.

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The Committee, too, are to be congratulated on the efforts made to make the night a success, their efforts were not in vain.

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The Officers present were :—Capt. A. J. K. Todd, Company Commander ; Capt. S. H. Gallon, Commanding H.Q. Wing ; Capt. J. Lord, Depôt, The K.O.S.B. ; Lieuts. D. W. Moscrop and M. Robson.

Editorial Notes.

THE OLD MILL HOUSE,
PRESTON CROWMARSH,
NEAR WALLINGFORD,

December, 1927.

We are now in a position to supply Bound Volumes for the following years :—1890, 1891, 1895, 1896, 1897, 1899, 1901, 1921, 1922, 1923, 1924 and 1926. 10/- each.

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We take this opportunity of thanking all those who so kindly sent us 'Xmas cards and assuring them that the good wishes they brought are reciprocated. A collection of Regimental Christmas cards makes quite a respectable gallery of photographic art.

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Should this month's *Gazette* be late the blame must be attributed to the old-fashioned Christmas with which the Meteorological Office have supplied us this year. An inch or two of snow and a bit of drifting have successfully disorganised all our vaunted transport system. Budding War Lords might take note of this and exercise their fertile brains in devising a new form of frightfulness—namely, a method to induce a snowstorm ! !

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Readers will be glad to hear that Brig.-Gen. C. Money, C.B., who has been so ill recently, is making good progress. In spite of his considerable age (he is 75) he has been cured of Pernicious Anæmia by a transfusion of blood, and has, since this operation was performed, successively and successfully battled with Aural Inflammation, Shingles and 'Flu. ! ! We

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wish him a speedy and complete restoration to health, and hope to see him among us at the next Regimental gathering.

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Subscriptions due in January :—

Capt. Allgood	Mrs. Platt
Newcastle Free Library	Mr. A. Stafford
Lieut. Bennett, M.C.	Mr. C. Turner
Capt. C. Chipper	Serjeants' Mess, 6th Battalion
Mr. J. Chislett	Major N. B. N. Good
Mrs. M. G. Cole	Mrs. M. G. Carden

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The following *Gazettes* are at the Printers awaiting addresses, having been returned by the Post Office as undelivered owing to addresses being unknown :—

Lieut. R. W. H. Fryer, M.C. Mr. J. Willing

NOTICE.

The Old Contemptibles' Association would be very pleased to hear from Old Contemptibles who would like to join the Association. Conditions of membership are :—Must be in possession of 1914 Star with Clasp. There are no subscriptions. Further particulars from the Grand Secretary, 76, Lower Kennington Lane, S.E. 11.

REGIMENTAL WAR MEDALS.

Mr. Roderick Dow, of Lowood, Hasketon, Woodbridge, Suffolk, a well-known collector of British War Medals, is about to dispose of his collection, in doing which he is anxious that medals in his possession should go to the Regiments to which the original recipients formerly belonged. Mr. Dow is preparing lists of the medals in his collection, and these will shortly be ready, but in the meantime he will be glad if any Regiments which have, or propose to raise, collections of medals won by those who served in them, will communicate with him at the above address, when he will supply all information ; the prices to be paid will in each case be those which Mr. Dow himself originally gave for them, plus a small percentage for postage and other expenses.

Letter to the Editor.

8, HIGHAM PLACE,
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE,
31st December, 1927.

To the Editor of "St. George's Gazette."

DEAR SIR,

The Executive Committee, Northumberland Fusiliers' Aid Society, desire to acknowledge with many thanks subscriptions, donations, etc., received between 1st October and 31st December, 1927, as follows :—

	£	s.	d.
Sir A. M. Sutherland, K.B.E.	20	0	0
Adjutant, 7th N.F.	0	16	0
Officers' Mess, 3rd N.F., per U.S. Trustee	37	1	8
Lt.-Col. W. H. Ritson	1	1	0
Late 35th N.F., per U.S. Trustee	31	0	7
Major K. Greville Williams, O.B.E.	5	5	0
F. Greville Williams, Esq.	5	0	0
G. Greville Williams, Esq.	2	2	0
Mrs. Greville Williams	5	0	0
Mrs. J. Fisher	5	0	0
Mrs. Harries	5	5	0
Mrs. Laing	1	1	0
Farquhar Laing, Esq.	2	0	0
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Lt.-Col. and Mrs. J. M. Bett	Clothing and boots		
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Lt.-Col. W. N. Herbert, C.M.G., D.S.O., and Officers 1st N.F.	Christmas Greetings		

Yours very truly,
J. M. BETT (Lt.-Col.),
Secretary and Treasurer.

OLD COMRADES' ASSOCIATION.

With regret we have to record the death of Mr. C. H. Day, on the 6th December, who had been an ardent supporter of the Association since its inception.

Mr. Day joined the FIFTH at Woolwich in 1900. He was in possession of the Queen's and King's Medals for South African War, 1899–1902, and also the Medal for Long Service and Good Conduct. He also served during the Great War, and would be well known to many of the 2nd Battalion as Transport Serjeant.

THE LATE MR. C. H. DAY.

A wreath and the Union Jack was furnished by the Association, who were represented at the funeral by the following :—Mr. R. Almonson, Mr. T. W. Capon, Mr. A. G. Edwardes, and our Hon. Secretary, Mr. H. I. Morgan, who acted as pall bearers.

To Mrs. Day and her son and daughter we send our deepest sympathies in their sad bereavement.

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We have also with regret to record the death of Mrs. G. Redhead, the wife of late R.S.M., Mr. G. Redhead, on Saturday, the 10th December, 1927.

In the death of Mrs. Redhead we have lost one who had been connected with the Regiment for many years, and will doubtless be missed by a good number of our members at all our gatherings. Although her health was then indifferent, she was present at our last Re-union Dinner, on Armistice Day.

To Mr. G. Redhead and family we send our deepest sympathies in their sad bereavement.

We welcome amongst our latest joined members, Major W. G. M. Sarel, Mr. W. A. Malton, Mr. E. Knowler.

We particularly welcome the two latter members, as they have only recently been discharged from the Regiment, and trust that our membership will in future be greatly increased from the same source.

The Annual General Meeting will be held at Headquarters, on Monday, the 23rd January, at 7 p.m. We hope that members will make every effort to be present, as a good deal of important business has to be transacted. At the conclusion of the meeting a Dance will be held.

H. I. MORGAN,
Hon. Secretary.

THE INSPIRATION OF AN URDU ODE.

There are few periods during my term of command to which I look back with greater pleasure than the three weeks march through a disaffected area of the United Provinces, which was carried out in connection with the move of the 2nd Battalion to Fyzabad, in December, 1922. It was India at its best. The crisp, bright mornings on which we set out for our day's march; the long, straight road shaded by trees in which the monkeys leapt in wild excitement to the music of the Drums; the school children drawn up, tallest on the right, shortest on the left, salaaming by the roadside outside the village schools; the lavish hospitality of the loyal section of the population; the severe ordeal of civic welcomes and presentations; the endless writing of "chits" for everyone from menials to maharajahs; and above all the evening shoots on the almost unshot jhils.

These are among the incidents which will remain in the memory of all who took part in the march. But the ode which a notable of Azamgarh was moved to composing by the sight of the "Royal Army" (*alias* the Drums and two Companies Fifth Fusiliers), has, I think, been seen by few but myself. Not only on account of its literary merit, but that the members of the "Royal Army" may obtain a proper appreciation of the impression they created on the occasion of their arrival in Azamgarh, I feel this ode should be saved from oblivion.

I give it below as translated for me by the Regimental munshi. In justice I may say that I, personally, witnessed no such disgraceful scene as is related in stanza 4, nor was any such incident reported to me. The "carousers revelling under the vine" were not drawn from the ranks of the Fifth Fusiliers. Those acquainted with the Urdu poets will recognise this expression as a familiar allegory indicating ecstasy. The "dancing peacock," in the same way, indicates general jollification and is not to be taken literally. To the best of my recollection, no peacock of any kind was seen in the course of the march, let alone the phenomenon of a bird performing the Charleston.

TRANSLATION OF AN ODE (VERSIFIED ADDRESS) COMPOSED BY KHAN SAHIB FAIYAZ HUSSAIN MUKHTAR, ON THE OCCASION OF THE ARRIVAL OF "ROYAL ARMY" IN AZAMGARH.

1. Whichever side you look, there is the pleasant sight of the baggages of troops in view;
   Why then the beauty of the Universe should not look lovely?

2. Nature has this day blossomed such flowers
   That the wilderness and mountains look like a garden.

3. All this must inspire one with the desire of seeing flower garden,
   For the charming beauty of the elegant faces is manifest from the flowers.

4. Sweethearts by their sides, the decanters under their arms, and with tumblers in their hands,
   Are the carousers revelling under the vine.

5. Band is being played at one place, and the peacock is dancing at another,
   While the sonnet-singing birds are singing their lays.

6. That is the Army the advent of which has now graced this place,
   And has increased the splendour of the place ten times more than it was before.

7. This place has been honoured by the arrival of an Army which possesses the magnificence of Saloman,
   So that every quarter is diffused with the glory of King Saloman's throne.

8. This is the extent of the good fortune and magnanimity of the Army of George V.,
   That the lustre of a round pearl has no significance in their eyes.

9. Had Hatim Tai (*an Arab Chief famed for his boundless liberality*) been still living in the world,
   He would have come here to see what generosity and magnanimity is like.

10. The residents of this place are so glad to hear the news of their arrival,
    That rejoicing has spread throughout the world.

11. Whichever direction the magnificent Army makes its course to,
    Everyone comes eagerly to see the state and dignity of their guests.

12. Mr. Hoskin and Mr. Pane offer their hearty thanks,
    While their hearts are affected with the favours which they have received from the King.

13. O Faiyaz! I now conclude the ode in the prayer,
    As everyone has seen the beauty of my clear thoughts.

14. I pray God that the garden (*country*) of the King may grow very prosperous,
    And a ruler like him may live long.

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15. I pray that the good fortune and the wealth (*of the King*) may be increasing day and night ;
As long as the clouds of rain grow varieties of beautiful things.

16. May his enemy be allotted with the fate of Majnoon (*a celebrated Arab lover who became mad*),
That instead of gardens he may like to live in wilderness.

17. Would that the Indians may always remain faithful and loyal,
Looking after the prosperity of the King.

18. O Faiyaz ! would that you may always remain under the British protection,
And your enemies may enjoy the hardships of the prisin.

(*Translated by S.M. Sharafat Ali.*)

The advent of the " Royal Army " coincided, by mere chance, with a meeting of the All India Congress which was being addressed by a notorious lady agitator from Bengal. The Solomon-like magnificence of the Army proved to be so great a counter-attraction that it took the wind out of the sails of the lady's meeting. But, O Faiyaz, it would have been a good job if, as you confidently expected, our mission had been to put the whole lot of them in jug.

H.R.S.

IMPRESSIONS OF THE PERSIAN GULF AND IRAQ.

(By C.C.)

I have been asked to make copy for the *Gazette* by writing an account of my last leave, which I spent in visiting the Persian Gulf and Iraq. It is difficult to make such an account interesting to members of the Regiment, as some have already spent a year in those parts, and know all they want to know about them ; whereas others are content to have avoided such a fate. Under these circumstances I have confined myself to jotting down a few impressions, and would recommend anyone who wishes for further knowledge to read the many excellent books that have been written about the races and countries of the Middle East.

Having saluted the Sultan's flag by firing a gun, anchor is cast in the harbour, between the high rocky hills on which are carved the names of innumerable ships of the senior Service that have visited the port. Muscat itself is a small town tucked away between the hills, the principal buildings being the Sultan's Palace and the Residency. The richer merchants now live at Matra, some five miles away. Muscat is rendered picturesque, however, by the two old Portuguese castles on the crags on either side of the town and the smaller forts on the most commanding heights. One of the two castles is now used as a jail, and can be visited by permission of the Resident. After climbing the time-worn steps of the long, steep stairway, commanded by a barbican and machicolis gallery, one enters the main part of the castle, and can inspect the battery of English and Portuguese cannon with pyramids of round shot and canister alongside. The water of the harbour is wonderfully clear : from the curtain wall one can see enormous shoals of fish sporting in the depths below.

At most of the other ports visited there are no harbours and the ship has to anchor a mile or two out, so one only sees the towns from a distance. The interest to a stranger at these places lies in the crews of the sailing boats that come alongside to take over the cargo, and in the Arab and Persian deck passengers who embark or disembark there. Jask and Bunder Abbas, on the Persian side, are the next two places touched at after Muscat ; then the little sandy island of Henjam, off Kishm Island, where there is a cable and wireless station. Next comes Linga, on the Persian coast : a pleasant-looking place among green trees. The square, flat-roofed houses have wind-scoop towers after the Persian fashion, and the wells outside the town are distinguished by pyramidal covers. It is said, however, to be very hot, unhealthy and short of water.

After Linga we crossed to Dubai, on the coast of Trucial Oman ; then on to Bahrein, which shares with Koweit the pearl fishing on the banks in the Gulf. Bushire, in Persia, was visited next, then across again to Koweit, at the Western corner of the Gulf. At Dubai and Bushire a score of boats came racing out to be the first alongside—a fine sight, with their big lateen sails spread to the breeze. Of the two peoples, the Arabs certainly won the prize for seamanship. Although screaming and chattering like monkeys all the time, they dropped their sails and put their helms over at exactly the right moment, a fellow plunging into the water with a rope in order to tie up.

Muscat

Of the ports touched at on my way from Karachi to Basrah, the most impressive and interesting was certainly Muscat.

The Persians at Bushire, on the other hand, seemed perfectly mad. Hardly was our anchor dropped before they drove full

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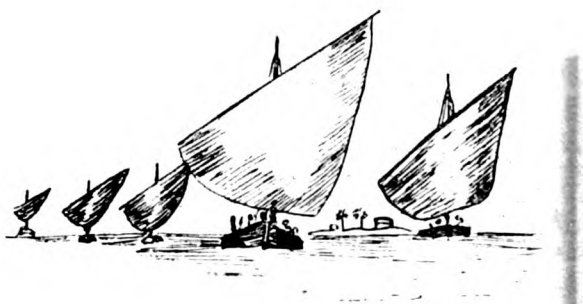
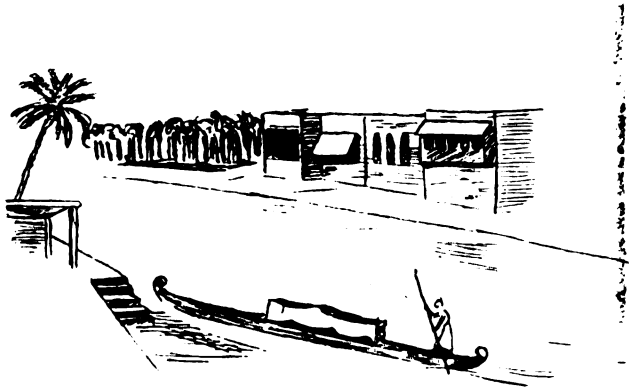
sail into each other and our ship, absolutely regardless of consequences. Sails were ripped and bowsprits smashed and bows splintered, but they recked not, although two boats had been sunk in this way only a month before. The scene would have made a fine film picture of a naval engagement of olden days.



At Bushire lies the Persian Navy, consisting of a steamer with a yellow funnel. I gathered that she is for sale, but that it is not worth anybody's while to take her away. The Persian Army was also on view in the persons of two officers who came on board for a drink. Although the weather was very hot and sticky they were wearing long jackets of drab serge and thick cord riding breeches. Astrachan caps, Wellington boots, tin swords on slings, mauser pistols and much gold braid on their broad shoulder straps completed their resemblance to the chocolate soldier of musical comedy.

Dubai is a very independent community, and judging from the samples who came on board, very argumentative. Disputes, however, were settled by the Sheikh's policeman, who was picturesquely attired in dirty ragged robes and turban, and armed with a long scimitar covered with gold on hilt and scabbard. On his belt was a magnificent curved Arab dagger in silver sheath, behind which were stuck a cheap tortoiseshell cigarette case and a white metal B.I. fish knife, while conveniently protruding from the folds of his pagri was a box of matches.

Koweit is interesting in that it is alleged to have a harbour,

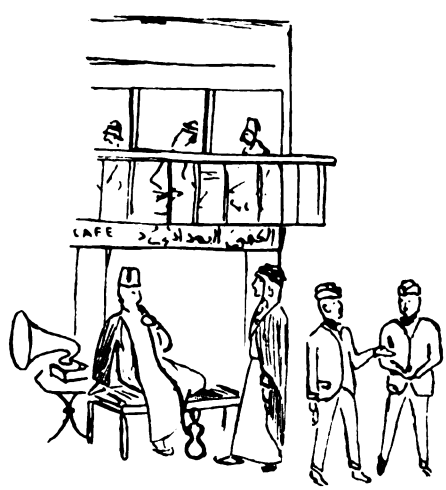


and that it was considered by the Germans as a likely spot for the end of their great railway. The so-called harbour is all shoal water (full of sharks) and offers no advantage over the Shatt al Arab as an outlet to the sea. Drinking water has to be brought from Fao, eighty miles away, by lighter. Boring is being carried out in the hopes of tapping fresh water, but so far without success. The great advantage which Koweit does possess over Basrah is that of having a dry climate and a fresh breeze every day, which makes it a much healthier and pleasanter place to live in. For the rest, Koweit is a walled town which looks well from a distance.

From Koweit we proceeded to the entrance of the Shatt al Arab, picked up our pilot and, with high water about midnight, crossed the bar and steamed up the river. About 3 a.m. I was awakened by the reek of oil, and looking through the porthole saw the lights of Abadan refinery. Breakfast time brought us to Mohammerah, and in the evening after passing all day between the practically continuous date palm plantations on both banks we tied up at Basrah—the Venice of the East, with its creeks and the graceful bellums plying thereon.

From Basrah I had intended going up the Tigris by river steamer, and all was fixed up; but unfortunately at the last moment the departure of the steamer was put off indefinitely, owing to water having been taken out of the river to wash out a canal which had become silted up. As there is nowhere to stay in Basrah I left next morning for Baghdad by train. The line runs over the bare desert which flanks the Euphrates, and there is nothing to see except occasional flocks of sand grouse.

A very short stay suffices to exhause the interest of Baghdad, with its narrow streets full of merchants in semi-European costume and King Feisal's patent forage cap, who seem to spend all their time coffee-housing and listening to the songs of Araby on the gramophone. The most popular song sounds like the complaint of a cat being slowly extended on the rack, and gets rather monotonous after the record has been run continuously for a day or two. I had to stay there over a week and managed to survive, thanks to mental pabulum



BAGHDAD.

obtainable at the excellent bookshop and the really good food provided by the Waverley Hotel. After India the latter was a

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revelation—real tender juicy meat, rich cream, luscious dates,

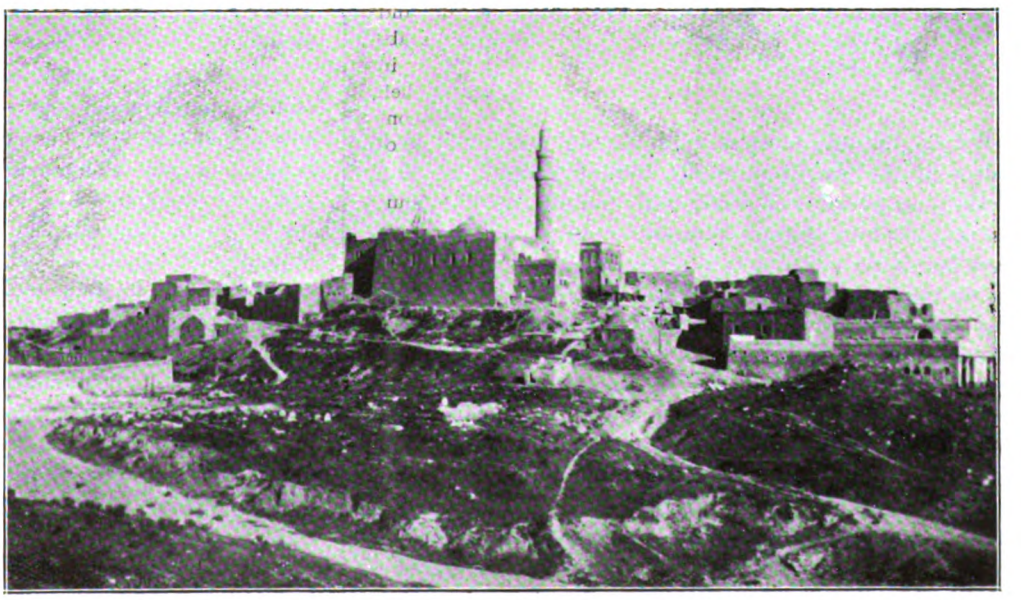
THE "FIERY FURNACE."

large white grapes, figs and plums.

To fill in the time until I was due at Mosul, I decided to shake the dust of Baghdad from my feet and put in a day or two at Kirkuk *en route*. Kirkuk is at present the rail head of the metre gauge line from Baghdad North, but it is proposed ultimately to continue this line to Mosul and to discontinue the Tigris valley line beyond Samarrah, as the latter route does not pay for its upkeep. The former line has a branch from Qaraghan to the Khanaqin oil fields, while the Turkish Petroleum Company is prospecting several places in the neighbourhood of Kirkuk. The country also is comparatively fertile and the track less liable to wash-outs.

At Kirkuk the Levy Cavalry very kindly put me up at the Fort and enabled me to hack around and see the neighbourhood and the "Fiery Furnace." This last is about seven or eight miles out and consists of potholes in the ground from which issues a sulphurous gas which has been burning in little flames as long as the inhabitants can remember. Near by are the crude oil wells worked by the local natives, and the new derrick put up by the Turkish Petroleum Company.

Five and a half hours' run in a Ford took me to Mosul *via* Altun Keupri, on its island in the middle of the Lesser Zab and the Quweir ferry over the Greater. No one has been shot upon this road for two years now, but the section between Kirkuk and Altun Keupri is still patrolled by armed mounted police as a precaution against casual highwaymen. Finally one passes Nebi Yunus and the wall and mounds of Nineveh, and crosses



NEBI YUNUS.

the boat bridge into Mosul. The country all along is

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undulating and fairly green, with a view of the Krudish hills in the distance—a pleasant change after the bare mud desert.

For descriptions of Mosul and the places of interest in the neighbourhood I would refer my reader to the *Gazettes* of 1920. I managed to see a little of the place during my short stay, and was given a first-class time. Amongst other things, I had two days' excellent black partridge shooting, with a few snipe, quail and hare to add variety to the bag. The country abounds with game. Besides the above and several kinds of duck, which were just coming in, I saw plenty of sisi and chikor in the hills, while on the plains were sand grouse by the hundred and quite a number of greater bustard.

Accompanying my host on a visit he had occasion to make to the Kurdish foothills, I saw Erbil on its lofty mound, one of the most ancient continuously inhabited towns of the world. It existed under the same name in 1800 B.C., and with probably the same style of architecture as that favoured by its inhabitants to-day. This is the Arbela, where Darius stored his treasure before he was finally overthrown by Alexander on the plain near by. Here, too, at one time ruled a Kurd whose name appears in all our history books, Saladin, the chivalrous opponent of Richard I. and his Crusaders.

Erbil

We did the first hundred miles by car, pursued at each village by the big, fierce, woolly Kurdish pi-dogs, and then trekked on ponies and mules under escort into the hills, camping out by a pleasant burn for the night. We passed at Dera one of the pele towers constructed a hundred years ago by the celebrated Blind Pasha, who made the country so safe that it was said that a virgin with all her jewels could traverse it unmolested. When one looks at the people one meets on the way, all armed with modern rifles and carrying bandoliers and a dagger or two, one realises that there would be little law and order in this wild country if it were not for the presence of regular garrisons. On the ridge at Duwin Qala the track passes the ruins of a fine castle of one of the old robber barons, while from the next ridge above Baba Chichek one could make out the Spilik Pass and the gorge of Rawanduz in the distance. I wished I could have visited this wonderful gorge between cliffs 2,000 feet high, but time and other arrangements did not permit. By the kindness of the authorities, however, I was able to get a good birds-eye view of the hills and valleys of Kurdistan from the back seat of a Bristol, on the weekly reconnaissance of our police posts on the Turkish frontier.

The hills are rather similar in appearance and vegetation to those I have seen on the Indian border, but the ridges are less serrated. This fact enables flank guards to be used in local warfare where in India piquets are necessary. I was struck by the fertility of the valleys, as shown by the greenness of the rice and other crops grown therein and the poplars reared for building purposes. This was apparent in valleys even of considerable altitude, such as about Amadia, which lies under a ridge well over 6,000 feet high, judging by our own height of 7,000 feet when passing over it.

Mosul, with its ancient Assyrian type of architecture, is certainly unique, and, as I have said, there are many places of interest (such as Nimrud, Tel Keif and Sheikh Adi, the Temple of the Yezidis, or Devil-worshippers) within easy reach, if one has the time at one's disposal to visit them. I was interested, too, to see the Assyrian soldier of the Levies smartly turned out in uniform, or playing a very good game of football while his family, in brilliantly chequered pierrot costume, applauded enthusiastically. I much regretted that I could not have spent longer in this neighbourhood and amongst the Kurdish hills, but was very lucky to have had the opportunity of seeing all I did.

From Mosul I motored back on the right bank of the Tigris the 120 miles past Sherqat to Baiji, the present railhead. The road runs over the desert nearly all the way, and there is little to see except the occasional black tents of the Badu and the new oil boring derrick at Qaiyarah. The only excitement provided on the journey was a Donnybrook Fair among some Arab donkey drivers—loads all over the road and sticks twirling merrily.

I had a day in Baghdad before catching the mail train to Basrah, and employed it in tracing the graves of our fellows who had died or been killed during the stay of the Battalion in Mosul, in 1920. They had been removed from Mosul cemetery and, as I ascertained from the Graves Registration Office on my return to Baghdad, had been transferred to the British War Cemetery, which lies just outside the North Gate of that city. It is on the bund between the cavalry barracks and Baghdad North railway station, and is very neat and well-looked after. A high bund has been constructed round it to keep out floods. The headstones are of uniform pattern and of hard weather-resisting stone brought out from England, with the Regimental crest and inscription deeply cut. General Maude's tomb is in the centre, and our graves lie to the North in plot 19.

The rest of my return journey provided nothing of interest to record. Travelling in Iraq by car or train is very comfortable. The corridor rolling stock on the railway is well sprung; there is an attendant in each coach, and the food in the dining-car is good. Also, thanks to oil fuel, there are no grits from the engine.

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